

Baja Christian Ministries Prayer Letter 5/15/04

Dear Prayer Partner,

Many exciting things are happening and have happened in this season of this ministry thanks to the kindness, mercy and grace of our Great God and the faithfulness of your prayers. Thank you for this precious gift! Due to the shortage of available time now, I will update you more fully next week. In the way of update now... a team of the Tigers for Christ from Memphis, Tenn led by Tim Stafford departed Mexico after leaving a needed home for a family of flood victims in San Bernardo this past week. This weekend we have Pastor Don and Susie Steffler and their team from Yorba Linda Friends Church building 2 houses in San Bernardo and reaching out to the flood victims there in various ways 5/14-16.

Paul Bowen from Rotorua, New Zealand is flying in today to join up with Pastor Anthony Walton of the Rock Church in Wellington, New Zealand and some of his team who have arrived already, along with Steve Jensen, to pick up members from the Christian Band—The Newboys, with me tonight at the airport. As many of you know, this band is one of the most loved and respected Christian bands in the English speaking world. Peter Furler and joint owners Wes and Steve Campbell are coming to build a house and minister with us. They have heard about our ministry from Anthony and Paul who are very close friends to them. From my understanding they are willing to help to promote our ministry depending on what they see and experience with us. Some of you might remember how Keith Green promoted YWAM at his concerts and how it greatly helped the growth of that ministry. I hope I'm not overstating the possibilities here. If I'm not seeing too much into it, this could prove to be a tremendous blessing to help us get many groups and fellow soldiers and harvesters into this needy and ripe harvest in Baja. Please pray that Holy Spirit would give us great favor and that He would empower us all with His Spirit. That He would open many divine arrangements and appointments to see His great works in our midst. And that we would all be filled with His fullness of joy as we reach out together. Please pray protection and blessing on all these groups.

Pray also as we move forward in this work that even greater abundance of funds and resources would flow to us and also through us to multitudes of spiritually and physically hungry people in Baja and beyond. I've enclosed a revised version of a compilation of scriptures I put together entitled "Why Excelling in the Grace of Giving is So Important?" Would you please read through it and pray for an even greater flow to and through this ministry! With Gratitude, Bob Sanders-compilation follows-→

Why Excelling in the Grace of Giving is So Important?

Because... just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. (2 Cor

8:7-NIV) ...making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. (Eph 5:16-NIV) ... use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. In this way, your generosity stores up a reward for you in heaven. (Luke 16:9-NLT)

Because... God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work...(2Cor 9:8) ...that you bear much fruit showing yourselves to be my disciples. (Jo 15:8—NIV) ...fruit that may abound to your account. (Phil 4:17)...Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. (1Tim. 6:17-9)

Because... God loves a cheerful giver. (2Cor 9:7) ...so let...every man...give... not grudgingly, or of necessity... (2Cor 9:7) ...according as he purposed in his heart...(2Cor 9:7) As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. (Gal 6:10)

Because...It is more blessed to give than to receive. (Acts 20:35) Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. (Luke 6:38)

Because... One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, And He will repay him for his good deed. (Pro 19:17)...thou shall not harden thy heart, nor shut thy hand to thy brother in need. (Deut 15:7) ... labor...that (you) may have something to give to him that has need. (Eph 4:28) Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me. (Matt 25:40)

Because... he that waters (others) shall be watered also himself. (Pro 11:25) The Lord will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. (Isa 58:11—NIV)

Because... He who increases his wealth by interest and usury, Gathers it for him who is gracious to the poor. (Pro 28:8-NASB)...And the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous. (Pro 13:22-NASB)

Because...to whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required...(Luke 12:48) ...for to everyone who has, more shall be given, but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away. (Luke 19:26—NASB)

Because...he that sows sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that sows in the spirit of blessing shall reap also in blessing. (2Cor 9:6—Darby) And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. (Gal 6:9) ...For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. (Luke 6:38)...excel in this grace of giving. (2 Co 8:7—NIV)

Scripture verses compiled by Bob Sanders and revised on 5/15/04

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