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Precious friends in our Lord Jesus,

May the glory of Christ in you be mirrored in this wonderful season of Spring, the season of newness, the season that loosens the grip of Winter and liberates all creation to blossom with new life! May your face be more radiant than the beautiful crocuses! May you sing louder and more beautifully of your Savior than the birds their Creator! May you feel the life-giving warmth of the Son as you lift your countenance to the heavens! Might we all yield to the Lord's pruning shears as He removes from us those parts of our lives that have become deadwood. Oh, to be fully and completely new in Him!

As we remember Christ's gift of Himself to the Father on our behalf, the very Lamb of Sacrifice, slain for us from before the foundation of the world, I bless you and greet you.

Because I consider you my friends, I want to share my heart with you. I have been burdened and confronted by the Lord with something I have resisted for a long time. I am being sent more and more to places where He wants to work but where the people have very limited resources. or in some places they have none. God, Himself, has shown up in incredible ways, so I know I am supposed to be there. Hence, the tender nagging that I feel from Him seems to be resonate with all that is happening. I have felt him say, "Ask those who pray for you, believe in your ministry and are able to do so, to support the work that I have given you to do". That is so hard for me. It is true, that we have depended on gifts from friends over the past years to supplement the ministry but this is a total leap, yes a flying leap, of faith to say to you, I need your help to do what I am called to do. I don't know how else to say it or what else to do. So I leave it with you and the Lord to work out the details. I am His. You are His. We are His friends. We are friends to each other. The results are all up to Him. If this bears witness with your spirit, know that Christian Music Ministries Inc. is a not-for-profit 501c3 organization, which means that all financial gifts given to it (me) are tax deductible. With that, out of the way and off my heart, let me tell you what has happened in the last three months....

Every day of ministry has been special, uniquely gracing those present with the wondrous presence of our Abba. It is not possible to tell you about each one, but here are a few highlights.

As has happened every time I've been there, my January visit (ministry) with the family of West Greentree Church of the Brethren in Elizabethtown, PA was special beyond words. This particular group of believers seems to have a hunger for the Lord that just doesn't quit, and He has delighted to more than meet those expectations. Every time I'm with them, I leave richer and fuller of the Lord than when I arrived.

The time spent in Florida was singularly blessed. I left home confident I was to go, but without the schedule full; that meant waiting for the Lord to open doors. He did so, adding five additional times of ministry to the original four I started out with!

A dear friend again gifted me with housing for virtually the entire month and that on the ocean. One day I waded in up to my knees for 2 minutes or so and quickly decided I didn't want to float to shore looking like another crazy Snow Bird turned into a life-size ice cube! I actually think I saw a starfish with a fur coat and earmuffs on, that water was so cold! Brrrrrrr!

One of the most blessed highlights of the trip was praying with an elderly Jewish lady to receive Christ as her Savior! She was brought to a Women's Aglow where I ministered, and when prayer time came, made her way to me saying, "This is only the second Christian meeting I've ever been to; but I've watched you and listened to what you said. And I think you know God in a way I don't. Can you help me find him too?" Oh how the heavens rejoiced! What joy to take her hand and gently lead her to Messiah!!!! I couldn't but consider that this day was a culmination of a lifetime of prayer for this lady, a lifetime of planting seeds, of watering, of hoeing, of loving, of waiting, longing, believing for her soul. That day, I just happened to be the one there when she came into the Kingdom of God! Glory to His name!

I had some time off while there and was treated like the Queen of Sheba! One of my prayer partners lives in Melbourne, and while visiting her and her husband around Valentine's Day got a huge surprise. What did he do, but gift both his wife **and me** with a massage at a local Spa! That was closely followed by a wonderful supper together. The next day he took me for a plane ride (he just got his license!!!!), and we had a great time! When my friend and I went to the Spa to sign up for our massages I was **so** tempted to tell the receptionist "**our husband**" had treated us for Valentine's Day! What great fun!

A final highlight in Florida was leading worship at a new church plant in Tampa. This work is shepherded by two African American ladies who have such a vision for bringing Jesus to Tampa that I believe they are going to turn that city upside down. They are filled with faith, with Jesus and with all the grace and power God gives such visionaries. What a privilege to worship our Savior with them.

In April and May I'll be doing several multi-day retreats and also a return visit to my dear friends at West Greentree. Also in April I will be away for 5 days for a time of personal retreat and seeking the face of the Lord. June will be the month I "go fishing."

I have been invited to minister in two countries, Belize, Central America in September, and in Ghana in Africa. These will both be missionary trips.

I am so grateful to the Lord for you. Many of you have written such encouraging letters, and your faithfulness to link up with me in prayer is a gift I treasure. Be sure of my continued prayer for you, and let me know if there is any way I can bless you in return.

Lovingly,
Robin Lee