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Precious friends,

Easter blessings to you once again! What a glorious and appropriate time to celebrate the utter defeat of sin and death Christ accomplished for us! Just observing the emergence of new life from the frozen, seemingly barren earth amazes me. If you've never done so, I encourage you to go outside as soon as you read this letter and find just one item of nature that comes out of dormancy at this time of year. Watch it daily. It is faith-building to observe. One of my favorite things to do is watch brand new buds emerge every Spring from huge sturdy trees. It is incredible

- - - how a tiny little bump actually is pushed out through very hard bark - - or is it drawn out by the sun (Son?).....and then as it continues to grow it turns red, then green, sometimes yellow, then finally opens up into this unbelievably soft thing called a leaf!

And it is this leaf that helps the great big tree live!

Unbelievable! I think

nature cannot help being a shadow of its Maker and Creator! Resurrection! New Beginnings! New Life! Hooray, Jesus!



The Miracle of Resurrection!



In His Presence there is Fullness of Joy!

In my last letter, I mentioned that Marlene and I were preparing to welcome several ladies from Michigan for a 3-day informal "retreat" here at our home. What a blessed 3 days they were. **We laughed,** we cried, we prayed, we read Scripture. Once in awhile we slept -- sort of. And we ate. Often. We had enough snacks to sink a battleship.

More than anything else, though, we entered the tabernacle of God through our many times of worship and praise. We were in awe as our Beloved Savior visited and graced us with His holy Presence. None of us will forget those three days.

Last year as Marlene and I continued seeking the Father's will for our lives, **we put our house on the market** last Spring as a fleece before Him. This was our prayer:

"Father, if You want us to move somewhere else, would You please sell this house? And if You don't want us to move, **PLEASE** don't let anyone even make an offer on the house. Father, we place this residence into Your wonderful hands and we will celebrate Your answer and act in obedience to what You will show us."

It has now been a year, and I want to report to you what has happened. I showed our house to probably 30 sets of folks. Every one of them said it was simply beautiful. Since I had friends selling on either side of our house, I showed those houses too. **Would you believe we did not get ONE BID on our house!** But folks to whom I showed **our** house bought the residences on either side of us! HA! So Marlene and I believe the Lord has made it clear that He desires us to be here for another season.

Since we have had quite a bit of small group ministry here, we are now looking at the possibility of enclosing our front deck, making it a four-season room so as to provide more space for guests to sleep. We're asking the Lord for His clear direction and also for funding if this should become a possibility.

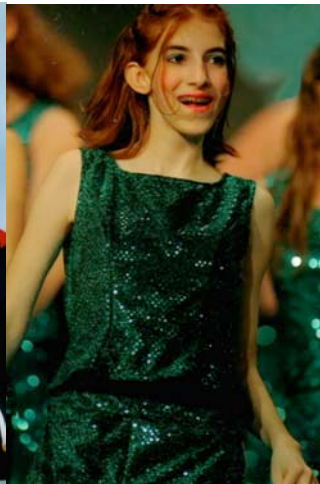
We were unable to go to El Salvador and Nicaragua because all the others who were going to accompany our leader, Pastor Frank, cancelled for various reasons.. That left only him, Marlene and me. That would have appeared inappropriate, so Frank is right now on this trip traveling alone. Please pray for him as he preaches to large numbers of pastors and also in the back country. Thanks so much.

Ministry times were quite varied and wonderful this past quarter. Only one involved a longer drive and that was to my dear friends at Elizabethtown, PA. As always, the Lord was so ready to fill our hungry and expectant hearts! Beyond this retreat, I had opportunities to do a "Gospel Sing" in a nursing home, preached in a couple of churches, and lead worship in several others. Also the worship/prayer team I head up had the privilege of leading worship at the Ft Wayne House of Prayer.

As the Lord continues to lead, He is opening more doors close to or at home, and I am walking through them with great joy. As well you know, I continue to be available to minister anywhere in the world. So if you wish for me to share with your church or women's group, do contact me.

I wanted to update you in this newsletter about my precious friends and partners in ministry for 24 years, Sharon and Jeff Hoffman, along with their children, Andrew and Elizabeth. Sharon and Jeff continue to be faithful to their assignment from the Lord to be makers of Chick Fil-A food. They are Owner/Operators at the Jefferson Pointe Restaurant in Ft Wayne. They would love to hear from you or have you come visit them there. Their address is 919 Louisedale, Ft. Wayne, IN 46808. Andrew will be a Senior this coming fall and Elizabeth a Freshman. Both are excellent scholars and thoroughly enjoy school and music. Here are recent pics of the "kids."

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Thank you for your prayers as well as the financial support many of you send my way. I am now living almost totally on the seeds you are sowing into this ministry. As the ministry continues to change, many new and varied opportunities to share Christ have come my way. I have begun a Neighborhood Bible Study. The first meeting was last night, and 11 of us began a study of The Purpose Driven Life. This morning 4 more folks called and asked to join. A 16th person is also expected to join us next week.

Ministry at the House of Prayer in Fort Wayne continues to grow. I'm looking forward to spending more time in worship there as a permanent facility is obtained. Do pray that I'll live every day as though it were my last. Pray also for my Webmaster Vera and her mother who is very ill. Pray also for one another, that we might together be a blazing manifestation of the grace and mercy of God.

Finally, I'm going to share some of what is on my heart these days. If the Lord is pleased, I'd like to do more of this in writing, perhaps on the website. But in the interim, here are my "last words."

I say to you: **time is short**. Time is short in my life, and **time is short in your life**. Every day counts. You and I were born, not only to be the Lord's and confident that heaven is our home, but we were born to be surrendered vessels through whom He could flow and do great and mighty things to the glory of His Name!

In the days of Jesus' own ministry on earth, He said to His disciples (and says to us today),

"You are the salt of the earth! (Matt 5:13a) (Flavor your world with Christ's spicy fragrance in you!)"



He also proclaimed,

"Now you are the light of the world! Let your light so shine before men, that they might see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven!" (get out there and be salt, full of redemptive flavor, and be light -- let people see in our lifestyle something they want for themselves!)" Matt 5:14,16

God also said,

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Eph 2:10

The "we" in this last verse means YOU! God isn't yours; You are God's! He has created you uniquely to do specific good works, works HE PREPARED for you to do before you were born! Let's get out there and do it!

Precious saints, flavor your world! Let Christ shine out of you to a dark world whose people desperately need HIM! Let's truly **be** the Body of Christ!

My deepest love,
Robin Lee