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Dearest sisters and brothers in our Lord Jesus Christ,

I thank my God every time I remember you! In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now....Phil 1:3-5. How blessed I am to have friends like you who stand with me and pray me through thick and thin. My, but how well your prayers have been answered!!

These last three months have been unforgettably wonderful! If ever there was a time when I would have wanted you to be with me to share the Lord's workings through this ministry, these have been the times. Let's pray this is just a foretaste of things to come! I've added a few pictures this time to share with you.

This quarter began with a ladies luncheon near home. Many seemed deeply touched by the Lord. Then it was off to Minneapolis for a Convention with International Ministerial Fellowship. Besides worshipping together for 3 days with other brothers and sisters in itinerant ministries, we were incredibly blessed by sitting under the teaching of Dr. Leonard Sweet. If you haven't read him (I never knew of him before), pick up one of his more recent books and sit back and enjoy! You will be greatly challenged!!

I was privileged to minister at two church camps in Michigan (Jerroll helping me out was an added plus). In addition to facilitating worship and praise, I had opportunity to be keynote speaker for the ladies day at both camps. The results, particularly at Brown City Camp, were a great glory to God. It is estimated that some 150-175 ladies answered a challenge from the Lord to step out of the grave clothes of yesterday's blessings into new grace for today; to being renewed and revived in their relationship to Christ! I continue to receive notes and e-mails from those who responded that day.

Event after event seemed to result in His glory being manifested. Inevitably individuals were moved to fresh surrender, some for the first time, others abandoning mediocrity for an all-out pursuit of His face.

In several church services as well as women's gatherings, we virtually lost track of time, as the wonder of His presence, the glory of His nearness just riveted our hearts. How I thank God for this. There is simply nothing more wonderful than to experience the visitation of God Himself when we come together. Nothing else matters when He comes ---- just Him.

What a joy to conduct another seminar on church music, this time at Mancelona Missionary Church. We walked through God's Word in regard to music – and attuned and adjusted our thinking to it. You could just see the lights turn on as we filtered our outlook on music through the grid of that Word. Awesome. Then Sunday morning we worshiped our socks off!! Hallelujah!

A neighbor of mine had an life-changing encounter with the Lord at a Women's Aglow. **A man whom I lead to the Lord** some 20 years ago but who had drifted away from Him came home, like the prodigal son, to His Father, Forgiver and Restorer. Oh the boundless, matchless grace of God. We thank you, Lord! I could go on and on, but want to now turn to the next 3 months at hand.

You will notice that October is full of ministry. In addition to doing several retreats, I am greatly looking forward to returning to Brooklyn, New York for another Conference on Spiritual Warfare. Please pray for each and every meeting.

November and December at the moment have lots of openings in them, and I'm looking forward to where the Lord is going to lead me. Please pray with me for great faith and trust in Him to open and shut doors – and for me to trust Him with this ministry.

If you would like to schedule me for ministry at your church, retreat or conference, you can contact me either at my office, Christian Music Ministries, Inc., Box 34, North Webster, IN 46555 or by phone at 574-594-2431. You can also contact me via the website at www.PraiseWithRobin.com

Now I want to share a few other things with you.

1. **Sharon and Jeff and children are doing wonderfully.** Their store is operating well, and they are finally beginning to be able to enjoy owning such an enterprise. As you can imagine, new business startups are incredibly challenging and almost always come with not a little stress. They have made it through that phase and now look forward to a successful season as owner/operators of the Chick-Fil-A restaurant at Jefferson Pointe in Fort Wayne. Andrew and Elizabeth are really blossoming in their individual lives. Check out the latest pics in this newsletter.
2. **I have a piece of audio equipment I need to sell.** It is a **Samson KM 140 Keyboard Amplifier/Mixer with 4 inputs.** It is 3 years old and we bought it for \$600.00. I am asking \$250.00 or best offer. Since I now travel alone, I don't need this second system. It served Sharon and me well for smaller events. (up to 100)
3. **My friend Marlene is now traveling with me** a lot since becoming “nearly” retired. This is a great help with driving, setup, running Power Point, product sales, etc; indeed, Marlene's help is a real answer to prayer. I need to tell you that I almost lost her on her second trip out. We had to get up really early (5:45 am) for an appointment and that after traveling several hours to reach the place followed by retiring quite late the night before. I got cleaned up first, then woke Marlene so she could hurry and get ready. She fumbled around a minute or so, then looked at me and said, “I have two words for you.” I stopped dead in my tracks, expecting a word from the Lord. “Speak,” I said. “I quit!” she replied. We laughed till we cried! That was too early for my new helper!

That reminds me of a story I heard (this is a **story, an amusing story**) about a young girl who entered a convent some years ago. This community was known for maintaining “Grand Silence” very strictly, so much so that each nun was only permitted to speak once every five years, and then was only permitted two words. This gal completed her first five years, and with great expectancy was called into the office by the Mother Superior. Mother Hermiosa spoke to her briefly, then said, “And now, Sister Kunagunda, you are free to speak your heart. What would you like to say? Sister Kunagunda said, “Food cold.” Mother Superior said, “Thank you, Sister, you may go back now.” Sister Kunagunda went back to her duties for 5 more years. On her tenth anniversary, Mother Superior called her into the office, chatted briefly with her, then said, “Now once again, Sister, Kunagunda, you are free to share the deep things of your heart. What is on your mind, sister?” to which

Sister Kunaguna replied, “Bed hard.” Mother Superior thanked her and dismissed her once again into convent life. On her fifteenth anniversary, Sister Kunagunda once again visited Mother Superior’s office and was given the chance to share her inmost thoughts. On this occasion she replied, “I quit!” to which Mother Superior responded, “You might just as well. All you’ve done is complain since the day you got here!!”

4. **I have restarted a tent-making venture similar to 7 years ago.** only this time I’m using professionally purchased card stock with my own photographs. This costs me more, but is not nearly as time-consuming as my old way was. You can order these cards online or by mail. I also am making them available wherever I minister. These are of much higher quality than the cards I used to make and each is in a protective cover. I wanted to let you know about them. Details can be found in the back section of the newsletter.

Finally, my dear friends, I covet your continued prayer for my growth in the Lord, for growing humility, growing holiness, growing surrender, and growing trust. Do be sure I am praying the same for you. Lord, let revival come, and let it begin with me (and you!!) Keep in touch. Let me know how the Lord is touching your life and how I can pray for you!

My love and gratitude,