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Precious friends,

Blessings upon you this beautiful season of the year! I took this picture while doing a retreat in Michigan last fall – and it seemed a perfect time to include it in this year’s fall letter to you. The weather here in Indiana has been so lovely – just perfect weather for this time of the year. Now we are being blessed by the latter rains. They will slow down the harvest a bit, but in the end it is good for the earth.



The past quarter has been one of continuing to press into the Lord, seeking to know His heart, to hear His voice and to share His passion for His world. Lately I have been deeply impressed with the opening words of Psalm 24.

“The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof; the world and those who dwell in it.”
Psalm 24:1

I am unsure exactly what provoked me to hold this simple sentence before the Lord and ask Him for understanding of it, but one thing is sure: it is an enormous declaration of truth, a trumpeting song of His love for all of His creation. It is a truth that shakes me to my very core. Might I share it with you?

1. The earth is the Lord’s. What does this mean? It means that no one else owns this earth. Not the United States, not Israel, not Iraq, not Russia or China or any other entity. The earth is *the Lord’s!* It belongs, in its fullness, to Him! It is His and His alone. He made it; He formed it; it was His idea. He sustains the earth – and He has total authority to rule over it.
2. “the world and those who dwell in it.” Lest we minimize this most profound proclamation, the earth that is the Lord’s is indeed this world – this globe, this sphere hurtling through space upon which we have been conceived, born, grown up, and are presenting living upon. It is His – all of it.
3. Let’s personalize this now – and see where it takes us: The United States is His. Indiana is His. Kosciusko County (where I live) and Allen County (where I attend church) happen to belong, in all of their entirety - to Him!
4. More than that – the country roads are His. The corn fields, the bean fields, the hills, the wheat fields, the apple orchards, the lakes, the cottages around them (including mine) are His! Yes! and the cities are His in all of their fullness! Every inch of them! Think of this! Fort Wayne is the Lord’s! Warsaw is the Lord’s! North Webster is the Lord’s! the whole town! Every street, every park, every building. Oh my goodness!

5. And one more final crowning truth: Not only does the Lord declare that “The earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof; the world,”.....but now it goes on to say “**and those who dwell in it!**”

Now who dwells in these two counties of Indiana where I happen to live and worship? Tons and tons and tons of folk. All kinds of nationalities, all kinds of religions, all kinds of Christian denominations, or non-denominations, or inter-denominations. A lot of pagans. A lot of folk who have never met the Lord. All kinds of sinners. Uncounted folk. Ever so young are some, oh so old are others. Some forgotten, some thrown away, some abused, many lost, all..... every individual is HIS! And who will tell them? Who will love them to Him?

How my heart should jump at the realization of the reason why He has placed me in ***this particular corner of His world.*** He has plans for us. He loves us. He wants us to know and love Him. He wants to hear our prayers, He wants to forgive our sins, He wants to heal our land!

Oh the earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof; the world, and those who dwell in it! Would you carry this Scripture to your prayer closet, apply it to your little corner of the world, and begin to cry out to the Lord for His purposes to come to pass there?

But this Scripture encompasses more. More than my two counties, more than the State of Indiana, more than the United States, more than North America. His passion is for Central America, for South America, for Africa, Europe, Asia, and on and on! Oh, and His passion for Israel! Oh, beloved, come and stand on the wall for awhile, won’t you? Come, let’s take God’s word to heart and cry out for His heart’s desire to come to pass.

Even in writing this, I am reminded of His anguished cry,
“I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem;
They shall **never** hold their peace
day or night.

You who make mention of the Lord,
do not keep silent,
And give Him no rest
till He establishes
And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.”
Isaiah 62:6-7

May I encourage you to know that our Beloved cares, oh how He cares. For Jerusalem, absolutely, but also for every centimeter of this earth – and for every soul on this planet.

Pray! Pray! Take Him up on this Isaiah passage! Get up on the wall at your station!
Don’t hold your peace about your town. Cry out to Him for it!
Cry out in the day time! Cry out at night!
Don’t keep silent!
Don’t give God any rest (He calls us in this Scripture to **continue** to remind Him! And this not so He won’t forget, but so that our hearts will become one in wanting His will to come and be

done on His earth!) Thus we partner with Him and become channels through whom He does His will.

He **is** indeed going to establish Jerusalem and make her a praise in all the earth! And He is going to redeem places long devastated! Do you know what places long devastated are? They are our cities! And the souls living in them! Doesn't that give you hope! Hallelujah!

The Lord has called me to cry out to Him myself at the Fort Wayne House of Prayer weekly. Additionally, I have continued meeting with a small group of folk at the church I attend, and also with a wonderful group in my home weekly.

This last quarter, I also have been privileged to teach at the House of Prayer on the Book of Hosea. What a blessing to expand my horizons and begin digging into the richness of this little prophetic book.

In the past eight days, I have been invited to be part of a teaching team to minister in Shillong, India and also in Panama, Central America. The dates for the India trip are set and occur in November. I would be part of a small group of 6 from the House of Prayer in Ft Wayne.

My schedule is wide open after October, so there is every opportunity to go to "the farthest corners of the earth." The Lord had already spoken to me about traveling internationally. Three years ago Marlene and I both obtained visas, believing that the time was nearing. We had been invited to Nigeria and Belize – and were willing to go - - - but the Lord didn't open those doors. Now these two doors have opened. I have told the Lord that as He provides the means, I will gladly go.

Would you please pray with me about this matter? If reading this pricks your heart, and the Holy Spirit witnesses to you that this is His will, would you consider helping me go? As you might know, I have two huge needs: prayer and prayer. I guess I need three things: financial resources to pay for tickets.

As the Lord shows His hand and His provision, I'll definitely keep in touch with you. If I do in fact go to one or both of these places, I'll be sure to let you know what happened. There is a huge sense of expectancy in me about this right now..... so - - - I need to quit writing you and pray myself!

Thank you so much for all you are – and do – as we stand together on the wall – and see the wonderful things the Lord is doing in these critical days of salvation history!

Before I forget to add this, if you intend to help finance these wonderful opportunities, you can make a check payable to

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By the way, I just spoke at a ladies' retreat in Michigan this past weekend (last weekend of September), and am teaching at the House of Prayer on October 12th. From October 20th through the 28th, I will be in ministry at Covenant Christian Church in Belle Vernon, PA. I would covet your prayer for the Lord's mantle of hidden holiness to cover me as He draws others to Himself as I dare to stand before anyone to minister.

Deepest thanks!

Robin

P.S. Before I sign off, I thought you might like to see a photo (grainy but amazing) of the children of Shillong praying for God to come and save their parents and the whole city. There is a revival happening there right now that has begun with the smallest of children. It is the most amazing thing I have ever heard of – and now there are some short videos you can see on U-tube if you are interested. Below is one of the pictures of just a few of the little ones praying in a church service. (The entire church is filled night after night with hundreds of praying children – and as God answers their prayers, more and more adults.) Even miracles are taking place at the hands of these little ones!

