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(NKJV)

Greetings to all of you, our partners and friends!

US Independence Day The Fourth of July

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Here in the US this month, we are celebrating our freedom as a nation. As Christians, our relationship with our heavenly Father is founded

in His love toward us. We live in freedom, with gratitude to Jesus, who set us free in the fullness of liberation that only God can give. The revelation of this God-given freedom that we hold so dear motivates us as a people to live freely in all that our Founding Fathers in Christ provided for us.

Scotland and England Ministry Update

Our ministry time in the UK began at the Healing Is Here Conference in Bradford, England. It was hosted by Charis Bible College Yorkshire and its director, Dieter Thamm.

The second conference was in Dawlish, England, at the Hope Centre with Charis Exeter and college director Malcolm Grange.

The third conference was held at Charis Walsall at the Andrew Wommack Ministries Europe ministry headquarters, with college director Oluwatobi Adewale. Before the conference began, we spent three hours a day for two days ministering to the Bible school students.

Also while in England, we had the opportunity to minister with Precious Neube and LightLife Ministries. This meeting, attended by people from many nations, was held over Zoom, with teaching and personal ministry.

The fourth Healing Is Here Conference was held at Charis Dumfries in Dumfries, Scotland, with director Andrew Sharp.

We also ministered in three churches in England and three churches in Scotland. One of the churches we ministered at was on the Isle of Lewis where they have experienced powerful

revival that still has a lasting impression on the island today.

Additionally, we took time for many personal ministry opportunities for those who were not able to come to the meetings.

One notable occurrence is that people were receiving healing as they listened to the teaching of the Word of God. For instance, one lady was shaking all over under the power of the Holy Spirit and was healed and set free.

A man who had not been to a conference in over ten years shared that he had felt the leading of the Holy Spirit to attend. He said that he was so blessed that he had come, as he received revelation from the Word of God from the teaching.

Many people after the meeting came to the product table and shared the same thing—that during the teaching, they felt the manifestation of the presence of God.

Another man shared how, at a previous conference, he had been healed of arthritis. It had been so serious that he'd had trouble with movements and walking. After prayer, he'd experienced physical freedom. When he had gone back to the doctor, the doctor could no longer find any evidence of arthritis, even in his blood.

We have so many more testimonies that we will share in future letters!

Thank you to all our partners and friends! So many lives were changed, resulting in fruit that will follow us all right into heaven. We will never regret anything we do with Jesus. He lets us be a part of what He is doing in the earth.

Fear Hinders Prospering

In Genesis 26:1, we are told that Isaac lived among the Philistines, in Gerar. Isaac lived with these people, but he was not of these people, and deep within his heart were issues of fear, as he did not feel at peace among them.

Isaac had a supernatural experience in which the Lord appeared to him and told him not to go to Egypt because of the famine. The Lord gave Isaac a promise that He would be with him, bless him, and give him the land (Gen. 26:2-5). Still, that experience alone did not resolve the issues within Isaac's heart.

Genesis 26:3

Dwell in this land, and I will be with you and bless you; for to you and your descendants I give all these lands, and I will perform the oath which I swore to Abraham your father.

All it took was a challenge for the fear within his heart to be revealed, and the challenge came in relationship to his wife.

Genesis 26:7

And the men of the place asked about his wife. And he said, "She is my sister"; for he was afraid to say, "She is my wife," because he thought, "lest the men of the place kill me for Rebekah, because she is beautiful to behold."

Genesis 26:8 says that Isaac dwelled in that land a long time. But he hadn't acted on what the Lord had told him to do, as he had not yet sowed in the land in order to receive of the promise. It takes a seed to sow. There are many kinds of seeds that can produce many different kinds of harvests, but without the action of a seed being planted, you will never see the results of a harvest.

Isaac's issue of fear wasn't resolved until Abimelech, king of the Philistines, realized that Rebekah was not his sister but his wife and challenged him.

Genesis 26:8-9

^{8b} Abimelech king of the Philistines looked through a window, and saw, and there was Isaac, showing endearment to Rebekah his wife.

⁹ *Then Abimelech called Isaac and said, "Quite obviously she is your wife; so how could you say, 'She is my sister'?" Isaac said to him, "Because I said, 'Lest I die on account of her.'"*

Abimelech rebuked Isaac for the fact that Isaac could have brought guilt upon the people if they had laid with his wife, thinking Rebekah was his sister (Gen. 26:10). Even though the king was upset with Isaac and could have responded with judgment and anger, the Lord was with Isaac, and the blessing of the Lord was upon him. So, instead, Isaac received the protection of the king.

Genesis 26:11

So Abimelech charged all his people, saying, "He who touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death."

This resolved the issue of fear within Isaac, giving him boldness among a people whom he was afraid of. Isaac was finally obedient to sow in the land of the Philistines:

Genesis 26:12

Then Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him.

Once Isaac sowed, he experienced the manifestation of the blessing, even though he'd been given the promise a long time before.

Today many Christians listen to a lot of teaching about who they are in Christ and the promises of God that belong to them. But because of beliefs within their hearts producing fear, the teachings they listen to do not become established deep within them and cause them to act on what they believe.

In Christ, we are blessed and cannot be cursed, as the blessing of the Lord is upon us. Once the truth of God's Word is established deep within our hearts, giving us confidence in trusting in the Lord, then our hearts will have faith to sow.

Thank You!

Lisa and I are very grateful to you, our friends and partners of this ministry, as together we are seeing lives changed. We believe that you, our partners, are greatly prospering—spirit, soul, and body—as you experience increase in the seed you have sown multiplying and increase in the fruits of your righteousness. God's richest blessings in Christ are already yours. Believe and establish this truth in your hearts and have open hearts to receive all that God has given you in Christ Jesus.

Happy Independence Day!

Love and blessings,

Cecil + Lisa





Colorado Ministry Office: 2021 Toyota Tundra Truck

As a ministry, we have been operating with no debt, owning the building and all ministry equipment, so that finances can go toward ministry. So, thank you for believing with us for the finances to completely pay off our new ministry truck.

Since the month of March, you—our wonderful friends and partners—have given \$43,640 toward the ministry truck. We have paid enough that we presently need only \$9,360 to pay it off completely!

The ministry is making the monthly payments so that all gifts given toward the truck will go directly toward the principal.

We are very grateful to all of you who have given and are blessing the seeds that you have sown. To give toward the cost of the truck, you can donate through our website, by phone, or by mail:

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