

Maranatha Ministries Unlimited

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Dear Friends,

We pray that this Christmas Season finds you and yours strong and healthy and deeply in love with Jesus! This has been an amazing year for Betty Jo and me, our children and their families as well. Betty Jo had a birthday in November and mine will occur on the 22nd of this month, and we will have both reached the beautiful age of 68. We have spent a great deal of time reflecting on 45 years of marriage and over 40 years of ministry together, and our response is "what an awesome God and what a wonderful life!" As most of you know, I had to cancel my traveling schedule for the last part of this year because of what my doctor called exhaustion. It was a good decision and I am feeling much better now and will resume my travel schedule in January. As Betty Jo reminds me, I will schedule with a little more common sense--a real challenge for me!

We want to thank you for your love and support during what has been a difficult time in many ways. You have been such an encouragement to us and your financial support has been needed and greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to the months and years ahead as the most productive of our ministry, and we appreciate in profound ways your sharing this journey with us. Thank you!



As we are well into the Christmas Season, many are finding refreshing in their lives as they refocus their hearts, minds, and spirits on Jesus. Doesn't it amaze you that it takes a particular holiday for many of us to do what we know we must do if we are to have a Life that is Full! One of the passages of Scripture that jumps out to me is Col 2; 9,10 that says, "In Him (Jesus) there is the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and in Him (Jesus) we are complete." In John 10 Jesus tells us that He has come that we might have Life and have it to the Full--that is a life overflowing, abundant in every way! The reality of a full and complete life can only be found in Him, and His Word promises that He wants us to experience that kind of Life.

I'm sure many of you have seen the same billboard as I have when driving down some of our highways that says, "Wise men still seek Him!" This is my prayer for us during this Christmas Season, "Father grant us the wisdom to seek the precious gift of your Son every day, in all things, in all our ways that we might know Him and the Abundant Life that only He can give!" In a world that is weary, worn, and full of confusion we don't need to refocus--we need to "stay focused" on the One born in a manger years ago. His Name Is Jesus!

Betty Jo and I pray that this Season and the New Year will find you seeking Him in all things, and find you walking in the Abundant Life that only He can give! Thank you for being our friends!

In His Great Love
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

John

P.S. In the next week or so we will have our 2010 schedule on our website and it will be included in our January newsletter.