



Maranatha Ministries

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Christmas Newsletter 2012

Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter on the eve of Thanksgiving with a joyful heart and a sense of great things to come. As with many other times over my years of ministry, it seems that this moment in history is incredibly important! We are faced with the opportunity to let the Light of Jesus shine as never before. Hearts are open and hungry and people around the world are uncertain about what today and tomorrow might bring, but we know Him who holds today and tomorrow in His Loving Hands....so rejoice and again I say Rejoice! There are a number of things happening with Maranatha Ministries and I am excited to share them with you in this letter, or at least share them to the best of my ability!

We are closing out what has been a very busy but fruitful year. The ministry on the road and at Liberty Christian Fellowship has been amazing and we have seen many folks introduced to Jesus for the first time and many other filled with the Holy Spirit. One of the great blessings of this year has been watching many families get restored and then face the future with hope and commitment. I find myself so many times just declaring, "Father, You are so good to me!" In January of 2013 my role with Liberty Christian Fellowship will change and I will be able to spend more time on the road in renewal services. I will be blessed to also continue in the role of a preaching and teaching pastor at Liberty.

For Maranatha, in addition to the increased activity on

the road, there are some exciting things on the horizon. Our son, John, will handle the Administrator role for us and he promises to help me communicate with all of you more often and more effectively. Thank you Jesus! One of the things I am very excited about is a Christian Counseling Center. One of my long time friends and Maranatha Board member, Jim Southern, and I are working to establish through Maranatha a Biblical based counseling ministry in Kill Devil Hills. It will be our goal to get this done by April or May of 2013. The weekend of March 22-24, Palm Sunday weekend, we will host a Maranatha Conference at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. The conference will center on "Family and Right Relationships." We will have awesome worship, prayer and ministry time! You can get details and register at www.mmu.org. We will be working with Liberty Christian Fellowship and Kingdom Camps to sponsor some summer camp experiences at Camp Immanuel this summer! These things and much more that the Lord is showing us make for an exciting present and future for Maranatha! Pray for us! It is time to go...not back up!

How can you help? Many of you have been supportive through the years with your love, prayers and finances. We need all of that as we go forward. This is a critical time for us financially, as it is for everyone I know, and we need your help in this area. We need folks who will join us monthly, as many of you have; and we also need folks who can give us one time gifts as we try to close out this year and begin what we believe will be the most exciting year we have ever had in



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Scott Hobbs & Higher Place

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John Hobbs Jr.

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March 21

His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace

the history of Maranatha! Those of you with email addresses would really help us if you could get them to us since we want to give weekly and monthly updates through email. For those of you who use the computer, some of us didn't grow up in the techie age; check our website and facebook for consistent and current information about MMU activities.

I know this letter is a little long, but I am really excited. At 70, almost 71, I have never loved Jesus more nor have I ever been more challenged by what the future holds. Everywhere I look there are people desperate for Jesus and who are, even without knowing it, longing to find their place in the Father's Heart! I have learned so much from Scott this past two years, but nothing more important than being able to define core values. As with Liberty, we value the Father's Heart--the Heart of a loving Father for His Family, we value our identity in Christ--we are new creations who are sons and daughters of the Most High God, we value right relations--right with our Father through the shed blood of Jesus, right with ourselves because through Jesus we finally know who we are, and right with others because we are right with Him and with ourselves. Help us share these values now and in the days ahead. Let us be a Spirit-filled, Spirit-led people who love God and love people in a hurting world!

Thank you for walking with us and serving with us now and in the days ahead! Much love and thanks for all you have done and will do as we share the Father's Heart together!

In His Great Love,

John

OUR FINANCES

I want to thank all of you for your continued support of Maranatha Ministries. You have encouraged us by your faithfulness and we are excited about what the Lord has for us in the days ahead. As we close out this year and gear up for what we believe is going to be an amazing new year, we could use your help. If you can help us at this time with a special gift it would be a great blessing. Thank you for prayerfully considering us at this time. We love you and are deeply grateful for your continued love and support.

IMPORTANT

- Use the return envelope and response card to update your address and register for the upcoming conference.
- In order to communicate better and more often with you, we are creating an email list to send a monthly newsletter to everyone in addition to our quarterly mailings. This will help us be better stewards with the rising cost of mailing and postage. Please include your email address on the response card. As with all personal information. We will keep it secure and confidential.

JOHN'S 2013 SCHEDULE

January 1-21	Beginning the new year with prayer and fasting; seeking the Father for His heart.	
January 25-27 am	Earl Tyson Retreat	Williamsburg, VA
January 27 pm –Jan 31	East Stone Gap UMC	East Stone Gap, VA
February 15-17	Nerd's Retreat	Alexandria, VA
March 22-24	MMU Conference	Kitty Hawk, NC
April 11-14	Healing Retreat	Black Stone, VA
May 5-8	Atonement UMC	Claymont, DE
May 25-27	MMU Men's Retreat	Kill Devil Hills, NC
June 6-9	Family Conference	Charleston, SC
July 14-20	Arrowhead CFO	Lake Arrowhead, CA
Aug 3-10	Northern MI CFO	Travers City, MI

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