

Dear Friend of Abiding Above,

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What a blessed November we have had! Thank you so much for praying and giving to Abiding Above Ministries. God has answered your prayers and has used your gifts to multiply our work here in the United States and around the world. We are not in the business of building a kingdom on earth for **SELF**; we are serving our Father in heaven in these last days to carry out the Great Commission. Jesus said, "*All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.*" (Matthew 28:18-20).

My friend, our promise to you is to ***keep the main thing, the main thing!*** The Great Commission set forth by our Lord is the **main thing**. The mission of Abiding Above Ministries is to ***share the gospel of Jesus Christ with every person, to encourage spiritual growth in every believer, by the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God.*** My friend, you are helping us to follow our Lord's command. We thank you!

As a ministry, we are setting into motion everyday things that will last. **Think about this.** Every discipleship lesson we put into a person's hand anywhere in this world is a lesson that points to the cross of Jesus Christ and also begins the process of discipling a new believer or even a long-time believer. This lesson may lie in a box somewhere only to resurface many years later after God has called us home. Each copy of a sermon on CD that is given away influences that person in spiritual growth and may continue to resurface in the lives of people many years from now! **Be careful!** There are many things you can put your time and resources into; make sure it directly fulfills the Great Commission. Time must be short. Remember the old song **let your treasures be in heaven waiting, riches are not found on earth.**

A dear lady writes, "the Abiding Above lessons have literally changed my life. I have learned that God is love. It is a comfort to know God loves me and will never leave or forsake me. It is a joy to serve the Lord. In this course I have gained a much better understanding of how to serve God and be a happy Christian. I look forward to receiving these lessons in the future. Thanks for the lessons."

My friend, this is **what you are giving to.** No waste, no glorifying man, the simple and persistent sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and encouraging spiritual growth, **world-wide.** We love you, we need you, please, keep helping us.



November 8-18 Abiding Above Ministries officially pushed into Russia. My friend Jim Wheeler and I began the process of setting up an Abiding Above Discipleship School in Russia. We entered into talks with key people who will help make this happen. I find it interesting that when I was a young boy, I was afraid of the people of Russia. Now as a young man I am reaching them for Christ and have a 2-year-old little girl, my wife Kellie and I adopted from an orphanage there. God ceases to amaze me!

The pastor's and wives conference that we asked you to pray for and give to was a total success. Honestly, it was far above our expectations. We were well received. Jim taught on prayer, and I shared with them about the "Believer's Crucifixion with Christ." God anointed Jim and I for this conference. The wind of the Holy Spirit was in our sails. The Apostle Paul said, *"Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."* (2 Corinthians 3:17).

Jim and I marveled at how the Holy Spirit worked through us. Two pastors stood up and said they were going back to their people and teach them that they are eternally secure. My friend, this is a great break through. People can never walk in the Spirit and see revival in their church and community if they secretly wonder if they are truly saved. Please pray as these men go back to their churches and begin preaching the biblical truths, we taught them. Pray for a great revival in that land.

The President of the Russian Baptist Union has invited us to preach these same deeper life truths in all of their 18 regions in pastor's conferences they will organize. The Russian Baptist Union is the largest Baptist organization in all of Russia. **This is BIG!**

Our Father in heaven and you have made this happen! Stick with us! We must have your help!

A wonderful surprise! We have been invited to hold **evangelistic crusades in 23 prisons** in Russia! A tall order, yes, His will be done! It will happen. Not only that, because we are committed to the Great Commission, we will be discipling through the lessons we use, every prisoner that signs up for the discipleship course. This will be done through the mail in Russia, and we have a local church that will grade all of the lessons and distribute the certificates of completion. God is smiling upon us. We are humbled.

I pray that you and your family had a wonderful Thanksgiving, and I want to encourage you to enjoy the simple things that this holiday season brings. Begin today to walk in the heavenlies as you abide above, in Christ, Who is our life. Purpose to **adore Him!**

Abiding above,

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Colossians 3:1-3