



Dear Friend of Abiding Above,

November 2018

During Thanksgiving we see the winter slowly setting in as the leaves change colors making the foliage beautiful.

During Thanksgiving we are reminded and thankful for the goodness of God.

**Psalm 100:5 – “For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations.”**

God’s goodness goes out to all, without discrimination, and He is compassionate toward all people, without exception. All His works give thanks to Him. Their very existence demonstrates His wisdom and power. And each year, we, His saints, join together in giving thanks to His goodness and kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

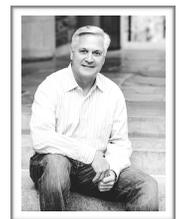
This Thanksgiving season, let’s walk in an attitude of prayer and thanksgiving as we reflect on His goodness.

Lord willing, we will be showing “*The Jesus Film*” in the Mississippi Delta before year’s end! Please be in prayer for us as we arrange this with city officials.

Lord willing, I will be traveling back to Kenya, Africa for two weeks of ministry after Thanksgiving! Please pray, and please give towards this. We need you!

Our associates in Kenya requested that I come and lead a Pastor’ Conference, speak at a weeklong student conference, and show “*The Jesus Film*” each night while I am there. November and December are the months of perfect weather in Kenya. People love to be outdoors. They are excited that Christmas is coming, and the students are out of school until sometime in January!

**The Pastors’ Conference** - Here in America, we have some of the finest Bible colleges and seminaries in the world. Here you can be taught in a systematic fashion the Word of God and the practical how to’s of ministry. But in places like faraway Africa, and many other parts of this world, that kind of training is not readily available. Pastor and leadership training will always be part of what we do when we accept invitations overseas for evangelism, discipleship, and training. ***Ministry to ministers is ministry to multitudes.***



Chris Hodges  
President & CEO

**The Student Conference** - Any discerning mind knows, students need to be encouraged. They are in those formative years. Their lives are unfolding and emerging into life's work and life's mate. For a solid week we are planning to have a ministry of encouragement for many young people. *Ministry to students is ministry to our future leaders.*

**The Jesus Film** - We've often heard this old phrase, "A picture is worth a thousand words." I know it is true for me. Sometimes when I'm studying complex concepts, trying to understand it deeply, I'll turn the page in a commentary and there will be a picture or diagram that sums up everything I've been pouring over. Watching "***The Jesus Film***" clearly tells the story, from the Gospel of Luke, of the life of Jesus. When people come face-to-face with Jesus, when they see Him smile, when they hear Him speak in their own language, with their own accent—they are forever changed. So, after the pastors' training conference, and the student conference during the day, we will, as the sun is going down, prepare to watch this film with more than 500 people each night in different villages. We are expecting some crowds to be nearly 2,500 people. *A film can touch the heart and break barriers.*

One of my all-time favorite books is entitled, **The Complete Green Letters** by Miles J. Stanford. This is a great and plainly written book on how to grow spiritually. Stanford makes this statement, "*The greatest ingredient for spiritual growth is need.*"

My friend, in these faraway places, we see people eager to see and hear from the Word of God. It's because they are needy. Most of the time, more can be done in two weeks where this need is so great, than in places that *have need of nothing. Revelation 3:17*

We thank you for praying and for giving. God uses us to make it go far.

Abiding above,



President  
Abiding Above Ministries  
Colossians 3:1-3

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