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Our dear Prayer Supporter,

Traditionally we anticipate that a Christmas letter will inform us of family news, special events and personal joys and sorrows. However, because *you* are our family, Dorothy and I will conclude this Christmas letter *to you* by sending news about *you*! That is news from two who have written to share personal blessing through the ministry of the Word.



Rejoicing —

But first, let us unite our hearts as together we celebrate the true joy of this Christmas season!

Christians awake, salute this happy morn,
On which the Savior of this world was born;
Rise to adore the mystery of love,
Which hosts of angels chorused from above;
With them the joyful tidings first began
Of God incarnate and the Virgin's Son.
- John Byrom 1691-1763.



Yes, as the enclosed Christmas card indicates, Christmas is all about Christ, the Virgin's Son. And because of Christmas, God has provided a way for us to appropriate His indwelling and enabling every day of our lives.



Reflecting —

Christmas is also a time of reflection. So at this time, Dorothy and I ponder as to whether our monthly Prayer Letter produces its intended blessing. Our desire has been to inform and to inspire: Information that will motivate involved prayer for the peoples of whom we write: Inspiration that will encourage you with biblical precepts in your walk with God.

This current Prayer Letter is our 456th under the present format and together with our previous format we have mailed well over 40 years of regular communications! Like ourselves, you also must receive many missionary letters. Only the Lord knows whether our letters have been casually perused or whether they have been digested to assimilate news for intercession. Often it is true to say that a parallel ministry exists in those who pray and those who sacrificially give! Thank you for your part in reaching others around the world through CCIM!



Reviving —

It is impossible to convey the joy we experience when we read such letters as the following. They each testify of personal revival! One is from a sister in the Lord who lives in northern England and the other from a Pastor in Southern California. The first shares her response to our July article "Revival Now?" The second is news of blessing that flowed from our recent ministry of the Word.

May His fullness of joy be yours this Christmas season. As our Lord Jesus said: "*I am come that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full*" JOHN 16:11.

In His love,



His Birth in History

"Behold, a virgin shall bring forth a son and they shall call His name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" ISAIAH 7:14.

His Birth in Me

"Of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you" GALATIANS 4:19.

Dear Dorothy and Richard, Thank you so much for your challenging booklet "Revival Now?"

The message has moved me to tears and deep repentance for my lack of not seeking the Lord by confessing my sin of omission and grieving for the state of our nation and the apostasy within the denominations – yet [at the same time] criticizing rather than seeking the Lord with intercession.

For many years I really have not understood the full meaning of Revival – your clear message of the step-by-step scriptures taken from Psalms 119 verses 154 and 156 and 159 by praying "in" each verse to our merciful Savior, that He would Revive His Church and enable us/me to be obedient to His word. "At Thy Word – I will." Through His enabling may His Word be fulfilled for His Glory.

You mention in your first paragraph that God sends revival to a country for one of two purposes, to avert Judgment or to prepare His people for National Judgment that may soon occur. Thus far, in His mercy, God has withheld His Judgment on our nation of Britain: "Today is the day of salvation."

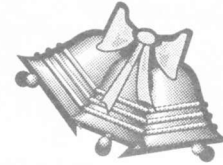
Thank you for alerting us to seek the Lord God in repentance and for a visitation of His purifying Holy Spirit, resulting in genuine revival.

Please pray I may be faithful to His calling in joining you to seek the Lord.

Thank you for sharing the blessing entrusted to you,

With love from your sister.

In Yeshua Hamischiach - P-UK.



Dear Richard and Dorothy, We want to thank you for the fruitful, life-giving days you spent with us at Calvary Chapel Living Hope. The weekend was every bit of your theme, *Spiritual Breakthrough*. As Pastor, I anticipated that the Lord was going to breakthrough in our church family; however, I completely underestimated how deep a work the Lord wanted to do in my own heart. Richard, you stated that our individual part of a "spiritual breakthrough" was to humble ourselves before the mighty hand of God. The Lord used this exhortation to begin and continue a fresh work of God's Spirit in my own life as well as in the entire church body. Below I enclose two personal testimonies which are representative of the many hearts who were ministered to during the weekend.

"The Lord spoke to me in so many different ways during the Spiritual Breakthrough Conference. I have been strongly convicted in my heart that I do not DEPEND upon Jesus. Richard Bennett confirmed those words when he said we need to act in total dependence upon Jesus instead of acting in the pride of independence. I was grieved at my lack of humility and cried out to Jesus to forgive and change me. I want to be completely dependent upon Jesus. So many things of worth were spoken in those three days. Words of Life and words of Truth stripped away layers of calluses on my heart. I have been revived and renewed! Thank you for sharing the Word of God and the Heart of God with us. KH-USA."

"Through this three day conference the Lord exposed to me my lack of anticipation in meeting with Him on a daily basis, as well as at church gatherings. My heart had been hardened to receive the Word of God. I used to critique and analyze the Word instead of mixing it with faith as a child. I was, and am always, in need of a Spiritual Breakthrough. I am so thankful for the Lord's work in my life through this conference. KB-USA."

May the Lord continue to be your strength as you minister Life to His Body,
Looking unto Jesus, Brad Lambert, (Pastor).

