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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Greetings in His name.

It is despairing to see the scenes of suffering and destruction going on all over the world. And it seems to be getting worse. In our hearts we ask how terrible does it have to get before the Lord comes back.

However, if we read Jesus' words in Math. 24 . Then he mentions calamities in nature that must occur then says, "all these are the beginning of sorrows," V/8. Not the last of sorrows.

Jesus seems to warn us that there will be a long time before he returns but we are not to be distracted by these problems.

It seems that materialism has taken over. On the one side so many are so prosperous they see no spiritual need. On the other hand so many are so desperately poor spiritual matters seem useless.

If anyone would go among those famished women in Africa who are holding starving babies they would not care for the gospel. One could start a riot with a bucket of rice.

Yet I know as an old missionary that the Lord is able to single out those whose hearts will hear. Elijah was sent unto a woman in Sarepta. Luke 4/26.

So the bottom line is to keep witnessing where we are and not be distracted.

Jesus said that men ought to pray an faint not. Faint here means not to lose heart. We would like to hear of souls saved a greater rate but we do not lose heart. Luke 18/1.,

We must allow the Lord to burden our hearts to pray. In these last days we are facing a tidal wave of evil. This evil has built up because so many nations down through the years rejected the gospel. But now is the time for increasing prayer.

It is such a joy to hear of people I have preached to come to trust the Lord or come back to the Lord. It has happened several times lately and thrills my heart.

Thanks very much for the July offering of \$50⁰⁰
Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,
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