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Dear Friends,

"Even in old age they will still produce fruit,
they will remain vital and green. They will declare, The Lord is just!
He is my rock! There is nothing but goodness in Him!"
Psalm 92:14 and 15

We thank the Lord that we have seen His Word come to pass in our lives, not only the Word from scripture but the Word that He spoke to our hearts personally.

We have had the privilege of teaching and preaching to some of the most awesome servants of God in Cuba, India, Mexico, Nicaragua and Sri Lanka. We have had the opportunity to minister among those who are considered "the persecuted church." We have made close friends with many and witnessed their intense worship, great commitment and faith.

We are humbled by their statements, "Our lives have been made so much better since we have come to know you" and we have done so little according to American standards to improve their lives. It is difficult for us to imagine experiencing a severe headache and not having an Ibuprofen or Tylenol to ease our pain. But just a small bottle of pills can greatly bless a person in a foreign land.

Recently we were able to bless our friends in Sri Lanka with a financial gift and this was their response.

"The men looked like ants carrying huge leaves into their ant hill as they carried their mattresses into the men's dorm! Talk about excited! They had the old dissolving mattresses out of the dorm and the new mattresses in place in very short order! The next day and today the men keep coming up to me and thanking me for a good night's sleep and no backaches! We have shared with them how after prayer your email arrived with the generous offer of funds to pay for them all ... so one more time they have had a very practical lesson about how God hears and answers prayer often by using His people to deliver the answer to prayer. Thank you SO much for helping us train these wonderful called young people for the Kingdom!"

Another word that blessed our hearts:

"Thank you for your love and concern for our children' ministry. It was a huge blessing for us. Because our provider God knows our hard times. Through that money we were able to pay our electricity bill and we bought foods and milk powder for our children. Please convey our thanks and regards to Rev & Mrs. Leake. And let them know we remember them in our daily prayers."

Even during this time of Economic Crisis in America, we know that we are greatly blessed and the people from any one of the countries that we have visited would gladly change places with us.

Our prayer for our friends in other lands and for our wonderful country of the United States comes from Habakkuk 3:2 "Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known, in wrath remember mercy."

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