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We can never thank God ... or you enough! **Because you pray, because you give, we go ... GOD SAVES!**

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I laid awake that night pondering those words. This is a sensitive subject; **consider how graciously Paul approached this in Philippians 4:10-20.** One thing is CERTain, we want everything in the Light. To begin, let us share how most every morning begins here in the office.

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PLEASE SHARE YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS WITH US. *WE CARE ABOUT YOU AND YOUR NEEDS TOO.* WE PRAY, CONFIDENT, HE ALWAYS ANSWERS. (MATTHEW 21:22)

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LOOK AT OUR WORLD TODAY ... ESPECIALLY AMERICA ... WE ARE AT WAR ...

Constantly fighting amongst ourselves, battling as if our enemy is flesh and blood. **Scripture is very clear; we battle “spiritual forces in the heavenly realms”.** (Ephesians 6:12) And Jesus said in this world we will have trouble but to take heart ... for He has overcome this world. (John 16:33)

So, how do we “take heart”? *We take our heart into the War Room ... in the name of Jesus, we pray!*

Just like Old Testament Daniel, “... he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.” (Daniel 6:10)

Though the “king’s men” had Daniel thrown into the lion’s den, it was Daniel’s Lord, our Lord who sent His angel to shut the mouths of the lions. (Daniel 6:15-22)



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Many miraculous prayers answered ... because you/we pray and believe.**

Without your financial support, we could not “GO”. *But more importantly without your prayers ... the thousands CERT has brought to Jesus, might still be lost and wandering. And tomorrows ???*

Bottom line ... the enemy is constantly on the prowl. The warfare is relentless, heavy and sometimes overwhelming. We desperately need prayer warriors to pray for specific people, places and programs.

Enclosed is a very brief survey, **PLEASE** complete and return with your response form. If you want to be a strategic prayer partner ... **PLEASE** mark the appropriate response and we will be in touch.

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1646 total patients, 845 dental patients, 935 teeth extracted, 137 fillings, 20 dentures made, 2835 prescriptions filled, 212 received glasses, 240 salvations*
***Only the Lord knows the heart; but because you pray and give, 1646 Peruvians experienced the Love of Jesus.**



Thanks be to God and you, **3739** of God’s precious children have been touched by the Love of Jesus in CERT clinics this year. We appreciate your continued prayers and support in Jesus name.



Sincerely,

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