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Dear Prayer team:

In seasons of celebration which often focus on food, I am intrigued by Hebrews 13:9b. **“It is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.”** Healthy eating has its place, but **“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God”** (Matthew 4:4b).

God’s Word shows us how important *grace* is! We are saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8). **“Those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ”** (Romans 5:17b). “Grace and peace,” a common New Testament greeting, are desperately needed in this day of impatience and rage.

How can we receive grace? **“God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble”** (James 4:6b). **“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need”** (Hebrews 4:16).

Christians must be diligent not to fall short of the grace of God, **“lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled”** (Hebrews 12:15b). His promise holds: **“And He said to me, ‘My grace IS sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness’”** (2 Corinthians 12:9).

The grace which God gives shows itself in speech and in song. **“Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers”** (Ephesians 4:29). **“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, . . . singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord”** (Colossians 3:16).

Yours for receiving *abundance of grace*,

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Prayer and Praise

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- 1 DAILY REQUEST FOR DECEMBER.** PRAISE God for providing for WMP through 2017. PRAY that funds will be *set loose* and flow in “**abundantly above**” this month—beyond all expectations—to increase supplies of God’s powerful Word to the nations. Pray that **December’s newsletter** will inspire God’s people to be involved. *“My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:19).*
- 2 PRAY that each day, tens of thousands of people receiving Scripture-filled booklets** will *understand* what they read, *believe* the truth about Jesus, and *receive* Him as Savior. Pray that the Enemy will not delay God’s Word OR snatch away the seed of God’s Word sown in hearts, but that it may germinate and produce eternal fruit. *“Receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls” (James 1:21b).*
- 3 PRAISE God for safe arrival of freight shipments in Canada, Côte d’Ivoire, Denmark, India, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, and South Africa.** Ministries in the U.S. have received shipments destined for **Mexico, Nigeria, and Haiti.** A ministry in Canada has received shipments going to **the Philippines (2).** Pray that God will use His Word to draw multiplied numbers of people to Himself and that believers will grow and be strong in the Lord. *“Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly” (Acts 6:7a).*
- 4 PRAY for the safe arrival of freight shipments in transit to Hong Kong, India (2), Macau, South Africa, and Sri Lanka.** Pray for smooth clearance through customs (especially in India, where restrictions are tightening). A shipment is heading to **Ukraine** via Canada. Another shipment is soon to leave for **Mexico.** *“Commit your way to the LORD, trust also in Him, and He shall bring it to pass” (Psalm 37:5).*
- 5 PRAY for Puerto Rico,** recovering from the devastation of **Hurricane Maria** on the heels of Hurricane Irma, struggling without electricity and potable water in many places. Many businesses will never open again. Pray for **Brother Alberto** and others ministering there. Pray for their security. *“For He Himself has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you’” (Hebrews 13:6b).*

6 PRAY for equipment and pressmen who **print the inside pages of millions of Scripture booklets and Bible studies** on the web press and **millions of 4-color covers (plus newsletters each month)** on the 6-unit press. Pray that God will guide in today's production meeting this afternoon.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

7 PRAY for **Harold Mack, president of WMP**, as he looks to God for wisdom, grace, and strength to lead the work. Pray that he will be encouraged.

"Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the LORD!" (Psalm 27:14)

8 PRAY for the **Hope for Mexico campaign**, in which WMP is sharing a fantastic opportunity to team with Mexico Every Home for Christ to complete their effort, begun in 2008, **to reach every home in Mexico with the gospel by the end of December, 2018**. They need three semi-trailers of God's Word in Spanish, each costing \$80,000. The first was funded by contributions given at WMP's annual dinner. WMP staff members and volunteers are teaming up to share this opportunity with friends through email and social media, **trusting God to provide \$80,000 for the second semi-trailer by December 10**. Please pray! To check their progress or to get involved yourself, to go **www.wmpformexico.org**.

"May He grant you according to your heart's desire, and fulfill all your purpose" (Psalm 20:4).

9 Pray that more people will fund "paper for Jesus." **A 1,500-lb. roll of paper, providing inside pages for 85,000 booklets, costs \$1,071**. Pray also for funding for the **black ink** which makes "dead paper" come alive with God's powerful Word and the **color inks** which make booklet covers attractive to readers.

"It is the Spirit who gives life.... The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life" (John 6:63).

10 Pray for **Prepress supervisor Twila Yoder** and her team as they typeset languages, proofread, and supply plates for both presses. Pray for translators and proofreaders on the field.

"That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations" (Psalm 67:2).

11 PRAY for **all who faithfully pray for WMP**.

"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16b).

- 12 Pray for the persecuted Church.** “Residents from the Nineveh plains in Northern Iraq have again had to flee for their safety”—not from ISIS this time, but from the conflict between Iraqi forces and the Kurds, who voted for independence last September. Many Christians, ready to head home and rebuild, are caught in the middle. Some have decided to leave because of the instability, while others are **staying because they want to be a light in the darkness** and to help rebuild their nation [*Mission Network News*]. Pray for courage and joy in this hard situation. Pray that Arabic New Testaments and Scripture booklets once distributed in that area may still be used by God. *“That He would grant you . . . to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man” (Ephesians 3:16).*
- 13 PRAY for the team of staff and hundreds of volunteers** (church groups and individuals) who work on **WMP’s three binderies (and bundlers and strappers)** to collate, bind, box, and strap Scripture booklets, Bible studies, and New Testaments. Pray for wisdom to keep **equipment functioning well** and for guidance about equipment needed. *“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally” (James 1:5a).*
- 14 PRAY for guidance, peace, and grace for Harold, Helen, Phil, Twila, Trent, and Alison** as they plan freight shipments and communicate with national coordinators and shipping agents. *“In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths” (Proverbs 3:6).*
- 15 PRAY for wisdom, grace, strength, protection, and health for 85 volunteer WMP coordinators in 81 nations.** Pray that God will supply resources they need, not only for their own families and ministries, but also to bless the needy among those they are reaching with the gospel. Pray for strong faith, overflowing joy, and courage for the task. *“But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles” (Isaiah 40:31a).*
- 16 PRAY that copyright permission for reprinting Persian-Farsi New Testaments** will be granted quickly. Confusion as to who should be granting permission has delayed this project. These testaments are waiting to be printed. *“But certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer” (Psalm 66:19).*

- 17** PRAY that God's Word will **make an eternal difference for millions**. Pray for a great harvest! *"Lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!" (John 4:35b).*
- 18** PRAY for **WMP's faithful supporters**, that God will meet their needs and that *more* Christians will see how they can be "**missionaries**" in **many languages and countries** through involvement with WMP. *"Through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for . . . your liberal sharing with them and all men, and by their prayer for you" (2 Cor. 9:13b, 14a).*
- 19** PRAY that the **Arabic, Kreyol, and Spanish New Testaments** recently printed will bear much fruit. *"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17).*
- 20** PRAY for a great harvest from **the millions of Scripture booklets printed in India and shipped to India** in the past year. Pray for continued **guidance and abundant funding for Project India**, that multiplied millions *more* Scripture booklets may be "let loose" in a land of nearly 1.3 billion people. Pray that tightening restrictions will be eased and that efforts of the Enemy will be thwarted. Check out www.myprojectindia.org. *"Your word has given me life" (Psalm 119:50b).*
- 21** PRAY for **Dale C., volunteer Gary H., and other volunteers** who assist him in filling numerous small orders—at times involving many titles and languages—and meeting urgent shipping deadlines. Pray for clear focus, accuracy, and peace. *"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men" (Colossians 3:23).*
- 22** PRAY for **Israel and the "peace of Jerusalem"** (Psalm 122:6). PRAY for hunger for God's Word and eyes to be opened to see Jesus as Messiah. *"You will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13).*
- 23** PRAY that God will mightily use 850,000 copies of the 2018 *Scripture-text Datebook* finding their way into **prisons throughout the U.S.** whose chaplains and individual inmates have asked for them. Pray that those who have received Christ will be a witness of the power of God to transform lives. *"To proclaim liberty to the captives" (Isaiah 61:1).*
- 24** PRAY that **the hearts of children** who receive salvation coloring books or Scripture booklets in their own language will be drawn to Jesus. *"But Jesus called them to Him and said, 'Let the little children come to Me'" (Luke 18:16a).*

- 25 PRAISE GOD for sending His Son** into this dark world to be Light and Life to all who believe.
"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"
(2 Corinthians 9:15).
- 26 PRAY for nations of the world**, which are experiencing dramatic change and hardships of many kinds. **Pray for God to raise up wise leaders** and place believers in positions of influence, who will have impact. Pray for God to **open new doors to the gospel** and not allow doors to close.
"Let righteousness spring up" (Isaiah 45:8b).
- 27 PRAY** that God will raise up **thousands more of His people around the world who will pray regularly for WMP** and request monthly prayer letters by mail or e-mail or daily notifications through the WMP app. Pray for a revelation of God's heart.
"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified"
(2 Thessalonians 3:1, KJV).
- 28 PRAY** for many more **volunteer WMP Ambassadors** to keep their churches updated on what God is doing at WMP. Pray for **Joe Chadburn** as he connects with potential ambassadors. For more information, testimonies, podcasts, and WMP updates, go to **www.wmpambassadors.org**.
"Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Matt. 7:7).
- 29 PRAY** for wide use of **WMP's mobile app** (search app store for "World Missionary Press"). More than **460 Scripture booklets are available for reading** on mobile devices and the WMP website; **37 booklets in 14 languages** are available in audio. Notifications of daily prayer requests and updates of shipments can be requested.
"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD" (Habakkuk 2:14a).
- 30 PRAY** for **Spirit-led boldness** to tell others the good news of Jesus before He returns.
"Ye shall be witnesses unto Me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8b, KJV).
- 31 PRAISE** God from whom all blessings flow! Pray that **HIS purposes will be accomplished for this ministry which HE has raised up**. Pray that we will be faithful to trust Him, fully confident that He is in total control of any situation that impacts us in the coming year. Pray for **strong income** this month to support strong, increased production.
"May He who supplies seed to the sower, multiply the seed you have sown" (2 Cor. 9:10a).