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Greetings to all my Friends,

A tremendous windstorm racked our maple trees. Not only did the "helicopter seeds" get blown off, but many dead branches were culled out of the canopies. Thankfully, all the healthy branches bent and twisted with the wind, but stayed strong, vibrant, and full of leaves. Those branches are the better for the trial. And now we have a pile of dead branches waiting for the day we can enjoy a bonfire.

Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned" (John 15:5-6). Jesus' overall theme is that people who abide in Him are nourished and tested to be healthier and more productive.

Just as all the trees in the path of the storm were whipped about, all people go through similar trials in life. The difference between those who abide in Christ and those who do not is like a tree standing strong and a tree broken on the ground.

Vast amounts of people refuse to believe or even think of Jesus as the source of salvation and of life. In the end their lives are meaningless and merge into a hopeless and joyless eternity. But for those who believe, each day grows more meaningful, and life blooms into eternity with faith, hope and love.

Wanting people to have this kind of life and joy for all eternity is why WMP produces and sends out the Gospel message through Scripture booklets in 354 languages to many nations.



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## Prayer and Praise

- 1 PRAISE the Lord shipments have arrived in Mexico, Ecuador, Colombia, Chile, and Bolivia. (Pray for the Lusoga speaking people in Uganda.) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. — John 1:1-2
- 2 PRAY that Christians living in Bangladesh, Uzbekistan, Central African Republic, and Cuba can remain faithful under persecution. (*Pray for the Lovale people in Angola and Zambia who speak Luvale.*)

All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. — John 1:3

3 PRAY for containers in customs in Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Costa Rica.

(Pray for the Luhya tribes that speak Luyia in western Kenya.)

"I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever." — John 6:51a

4 PRAISE the Lord WMP and all Christians in the U.S.A. have the freedom to print, read, and give out Scriptures proclaiming Jesus. (Pray for the 1.5 million Maasai people in Southern Kenya and Northern Tanzania.)

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" — John 1:29

5 PRAY for prisoners throughout the world who need to know the salvation of Jesus. (Pray for the 1.2 million people who speak Macedonian mostly in North Macedonia, and other Balkan regions.) "I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself." — John 10:17b

6 PRAY for God's speed on the shipments in route to Nigeria, Philippines, Uganda, Ghana, Dominican Republic, Honduras, Mexico, Southeast Asia, Venezuela, Côte d'Ivoire, Guatemala, and Ethiopia. (Pray for the Ma'di speaking people in South Sudan and in two districts in Uganda.)

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. — 1 John 4:9 7 PRAY for *The Amazing Life of Jesus Christ* booklet that explains His life, ministry, passion, resurrection, and ascension. (*Pray for the Maithily language speaking people in parts of Southeast Asia and Nepal.*)

"He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me." — John 12:44b, 45

8 THANK God for the privilege of sending 35% of our booklets in 164 languages to African nations.

(Pray for the 5.8 million Makua people who speak the language by the same name in Mozambique.)

"I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness." — John 12:46

**9** PRAY that the 4.2 million Bambara people of Mali will find *Help from Above*, find their *Way to God* and learn *How to Know God*. (*Malagasy is the official language of Madagascar*. *Pray for the people of this island nation*.)

"If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me." — John 8:42b

**10** PRAY for Sheryl R. our Jamaican coordinator. (*Pray for the Malay speaking people of Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore.*)

"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." — John 10:10b

**11** PRAY for the ministry of the booklets on the first container shipment arriving in Cuba. (*Pray for the Malayalam speaking people in Kerala State, Southeast Asia.*)

"Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." — John 4:14

12 PRAY that the search for a president will lead to God's chosen person who has spiritual wisdom and insight, along with managerial skills.

(Pray for the Maltese speaking people of Malta and Gozo, and the Maltese Islands.)

"The Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life." — John 12:49b-50a **13** As administrative functions are streamlined for efficiency and economy PRAY for flexibility and openness to change.

(Pray for the Mayan people who speak different dialects of Mam (Northern and Southern) in Mexico and Guatemala.)

"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." — John 17:3

**14** PRAY for the newly reorganized Partner Relations Department as they adjust to new responsibilities.

(Pray for the Mambilia people on the Mambilia Plateau in Nigeria who speak Mambilia.)

"Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the

resurrection of condemnation." — John 5:28-29

15 PRAISE the Lord for the hundreds of volunteers who come together to provide God's Word for the world.

(Pray for the Mandinka people - one of the largest ethnic groups in West Africa primarily in Gambia, Senegal, Guinea, Mali, Sierra Leone, Côte d'Ivoire, and Guinea-Bissau.)

"And has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man." — John 5:27

**16** PRAISE the Lord that He continues to provide the necessary funds to meet the growing demand for booklets.

(Pray for the Manipuri speaking people in Southeast Asia and areas of Bangladesh.)

"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." — John 15:12

17 Pray for grace, wisdom, and discernment for Steve Chupp, our Interim President. (Pray for the Maori speaking people of New Zealand.) "For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has

granted the Son to have life in Himself." — John 5:26

18 PRAY for Immanuel and Helen as they work with shipping companies to make sure our distributors have all the import documents they need when the shipment arrives. (Pray for the Marathi speaking people of Maharashtra.) "And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" — John 11:26 **19** PRAY for the president's administrative secretary, Angelee. And for Colleen and Fay, our receptionists.

(Pray for the Marshallese language speaking people on the Marshall Islands.)

"By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples." – John 15:8

20 PRAY for Andrew, Nate, Kaitlyn, and Kami, our artists and social media experts. (Pray for the people of Rajasthan who speak Marwari.) "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me." — John 14:1

**21** PRAY for the production scheduler, Twila, who schedules booklets to be completed through the presses and binderies.

(Pray for the Mashi speaking people living in Zambia and Angola.)

"In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." — John 14:2

22 PRAY for the new languages being prepared by our Language Development Team: Helen, Beth, Randy, Marilyn, Ron, and Kelby. (Pray for the Matacoan people of Argentina, Bolivia,

and Paraguay who speak Mataco.)

"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

— John 8:12b

**23** PRAY for Roger and Junior who maintain our facilities and machinery.

(Pray for the Mawchi speaking people of Southeast Asia.) "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." — John 14:3

24 PRAY for Alison, our new Community Relations Representative.

(Pray for the 150,000 Miskito speaking people in northeastern Nicaragua and eastern Honduras.) "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live." — John 11:25b

25 PRAY for Jerry who has oversight of all facilities as the Vice President of Operations. And for Eric, our production manager. (Pray for the Mizo speaking people living in Mizoram, Southeast Asia.)

"I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." — John 8:12b 26 PRAY for Brian L. and Nathan who operate the six color Press that produce our covers. (Pray for the Mafa people in northern Cameroon and Nigeria who speak Mofa.)

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." — John 14:6b

27 PRAY for Mike B. who operates the cutter; trimming thousands of covers daily to the correct size for the binderies.

(Pray for the 5.2 million people of Mongolia who speak Mongolian.)

"And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." — John 14:13

**28** PRAY for the Brian B., Greg, Jacob, Steve W. and Nolan who operate the King Web Press, which prints the booklet inside pages. (*Pray for the Monkole speaking people of northern Benin.*)

"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture." — John 10:9

**29** PRAY for our bindery workers who produce thousands of booklets each day — Abbi, Ben, Aaron, Devon, Jeremy, Lucas, Scott, Zach. (*Pray for the 5 million Mossi people in Burkina Faso that speak Moore.*)

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep." — John 10:11

**30** Pray for Dale and Nick and the volunteers who work in the Small Orders Department, sending out packages daily to both foreign and domestic distributors.

(Pray for the Mufian speaking people in Papua New Guinea.)

"You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am." — John 13:13

**31** THANK the Lord for Kristi, Lucas, and Nolan who keep our facilities clean and tidy.

(Pray for the Munda tribes in Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal, and Bangladesh who speak Mundari.)

"For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." — John 18:37b

[Daily Scripture references come from the pages of the English version of The Amazing Life of Christ.]