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Dear Ministry Partner,

Warm greetings—as we thaw out after the polar vortex blasted us and much of the country!

As I look back at what we've survived this past year—Covid-19, politics, blizzards (not to mention my own rotator cuff surgery!)—I'm grateful for the promise of Romans 8:38-39: Even in the face of all these adversities, we're more than conquerors!

And, we can celebrate what God has begun in Africa in the nation of Sierra Leone. . . .

As one of our board members said, “We hit the ground running!” We've just begun classes there, covering seven major regions, with a goal of reaching 26. It was clear from this launch that solid Bible-based training is *sorely needed*. We've seen paganism, heresy, the mishmash syncretism of beliefs from various faith systems, and more: a lot of superstition and a lot of ignorance.

All of which tells us we're in the right place—we're perfectly positioned to make disciples, as Jesus has called us to do. We're set for a mighty harvest!

But you and I both know, Paul's warning of Acts 20:28-30 still applies to us today—an admonition to be watchmen:

- “Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock. . . . I know that after my departure **savage wolves will come in among you**, not sparing the flock . . . speaking perverse things to draw away the disciples after them.”

*The enemy will set out to destroy the work we've established. In fact, we are already seeing the beginnings of a massive counteroffensive.*

There is so much at stake right now in Africa—the spiritual warfare is so intense and growing more so by the day—that I ask you to give me the next few minutes to share the scenario in detail.

*Here is the situation:*

We produced a four-minute preview video to introduce our new work in Sierra Leone. (I hope you'll take a look at it online at [vimeo.com/504589236](https://vimeo.com/504589236).) But almost immediately after we posted it, we were slammed by another video—produced by a Muslim imam—proclaiming **Islam's massive plans for West Africa.**

This Muslim leader—seeing the powerful work of Christians in West Africa, the tremendous advances of the church of Jesus Christ—is exhorting Muslims to **take back West Africa**.

*This video expresses the vision of a mammoth assault on Christianity. This threat is so enormous, I am taking the extraordinary step of sharing excerpts from the transcript of the video with you here and now - edited for space and clarity.*

**I have a very important message for you.** . . . I have been receiving texts, emails, calls from many people venting their anger about what is going on in Africa.

The [Christian] missionaries are working so hard because **they want to make West Africa**, and the other regions of Africa, Christian. And most of the time we [Muslims] are sleeping! And **it's about time that we rise up to the challenge**. There is a mandate that the successful among us must rise and be the front line.

It is unfortunate that the other guys [the Christian missionaries] are well organized! They have covered all of Indonesia, Malaysia; now it is Africa. They have more than 15,000 missionaries designated for West Africa alone!

By the end of the 21st century, they have projected, **they will make Africa Christian**. These guys are going into our villages and cunningly manipulating our people. Telling them their faith, evangelizing them. We need to begin blaming ourselves—we don't need to blame them; they are just doing their job!

I am in America right now in New York. My guys are on the ground right now—they are foot soldiers; **they are underground waiting for me to come to Africa so that we can do this job**.

I am receiving messages—What do we do? What do we do? Allah has given you provision: **Support the work of Islam!** I can't even go to sleep when I watch these [Christian] videos—it is so saddening, it makes me feel like crying.

Those who cannot do frontline work should support those who are doing frontline work. If I have the means, believe me, **Islam will be strong in West Africa**. I need the support of those who have the ability, the rich among the Muslims! It is about time, if Allah has given you this blessing.

These people [Christians] from the other side are well organized! From the United States, from Britain, Sweden—they are all over the world, and they are in Africa. I mean what I say:

*If we get the support, we will start from Nigeria, and **then we will go to Sierra Leone**; we will go to Liberia; we will go to Ghana; we will go all over the place. And then we will move to East Africa, eventually to Central Africa; then we end up in South Africa. If we get what we want, **then we go to Europe**.*

Look, we are not going to sleep again—so support the cause. Go Fund Me! **We want to fund this in two or three days**—we will build a project in every country.

**We have soldiers, foot soldiers, who are willing to work with me.** They are in waiting—waiting to go into the mission. They are asking me, “What time are you coming?” I cannot do it alone—I don’t have the wherewithal. Maybe Allah has given me wisdom, the ability to present Islam, but I don’t have the funding.

Support the cause of Islam, and you will see the results. I have been doing this for the past 27 years in America. Look at our track record; support this cause so **Allah and Islam will go very far**.

To see the passion, the fervor, expressed in this video is chilling. The threat is very real.

This imam does not mince words. He is very clear and direct about what he intends to do and how he intends to do it.

We have checked into his Go Fund Me account—and he is getting funding.

Paul’s warning in Acts 20 is absolutely relevant for us today.

**We have a sacred duty to do our best, to get the work done, and to protect it.**

Just as Paul served as the “watchman” for his generation, we must not stand idly by while Islam swamps Africa and the world.

“For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God,” Paul declares in verse 27.

*This, too, is our calling: to declare the whole purpose of God to a world in desperate need!*

Paul saw Christ’s Great Commission as a sacred charge to proclaim the way of salvation for all to hear so they could turn and be saved.

**I feel the same urgency today—because so many across West Africa and elsewhere are in such danger.**

The outcome is sure. Jesus is building His church. The enemy tries to undo the work, but the gates of hell will not be able to resist the power of Christ. Our investment is sure!

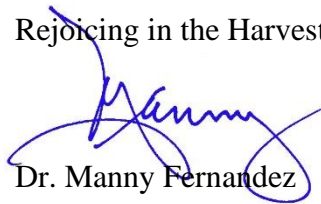
The only question is, will we take part in this glorious campaign? How fully will we pursue fulfillment of Christ's Great Commission? How heavily will we invest? How deeply will we be involved?

- **Knowing that Islam is girding itself for a fight, I pray you will give with extra generosity today.** As God has blessed you—and as God has shown you the power of your generosity, the effectiveness of our ministry together—give in celebration of His provision.

I know you are committed to obeying the Great Commission. Rejoice with me in the victories we're seeing on every front. And may the Lord bless you as you do your part today. God will provide for you according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19)!

May I hear from you soon with your enthusiastic love and service in the Lord!

Rejoicing in the Harvest,



Dr. Manny Fernandez

P.S. The ferocity of a Muslim fundraising video must not frighten nor discourage or deter us. Opposition is to be expected. The enemy tries to sow tares wherever we have planted wheat! The Lord of the Harvest already told us this would happen.

But He also told us, He will collect the wheat and the tares—and deal with each accordingly. *We must be about the harvest!* Please give today. Thanks again!