



*My humble prayer for you today: May the Lord bless you and keep you  
and make His face to shine upon you and your loved ones!*

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Dear Ministry Partner,

GRATEFUL BEYOND WORDS: That's how I feel today as nations begin to be released from the grip of Covid!

With summer upon us—Nat King Cole sang of “lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer”—what a joy to see hope . . . and hear laughter . . . where life had felt hopeless and gone silent for so many.

For many, this will be a season of vacations and other activities that have been put on hold for a year or more. . . .

But for us, it's not vacation time. In the soul harvest, this is catch-up season!

Today we have the potential to deploy workers for evangelism—this time they will be *mixing with crowds* to share the life-saving Gospel! This is cause for rejoicing!

- Yet for multitudes the physical challenges of the pandemic still dominate. Countless Hindu families in India still struggle to find food and other necessities. Many still sick with Covid can't find oxygen or basic medications.

So our teams have responded, going into the neediest areas sharing food, medication, and Gospel literature to hundreds of people a day. The results have been astounding: Many have come to faith in Christ—in the biggest Hindu nation on earth! We have seen people getting on their knees and thanking God for the help they've received from His people . . . the practical, tangible aid and the life-transforming Word!

*The single most dramatic moment—video-recorded by our team—was the deliverance of a young woman possessed by a demon. (I share this soberly, mindful of the “roaring lion” of 1 Peter 5:8.)*

The woman in the video greets the four men in her humble home. She reaches up to a high shelf and produces a dusty Bible. After a brief dialogue, she kneels, and the men draw near to pray for her. But as the prayer begins, the woman goes into convulsions, which grow more and more violent.

The men begin to address the demon in the name of Jesus and repeatedly order him out—until finally, the woman's convulsions cease. The men help her up. She has been delivered!

In our secular world, this is not a common sight. But in many areas of the world, this scene is remarkably common for ministers of the Gospel!



*Your support for the work in India is making this kind of life-transforming ministry possible.*

The worker who coordinates our ministry there sends his heartfelt gratitude. The staying power of our teaching and training—which you are empowering through your generosity—is making a powerful difference every day on multiple levels. The deployment of workers means the work is being multiplied daily.

- **As our workers give food and medication to a desperate person through your generosity, that person sees this act as a moment when God’s hands reach down to literally hand them vital provisions for their sustenance and for their loved ones.**

(We’ve captured much of what I’m sharing in scores of pictures and video. Use the enclosed reply card to let me know, and we’ll be happy to send you images!)

*Clearly, God has positioned us for this season of harvest.*

This is no time for us as God’s people to default to Nat King Cole’s “lazy, hazy, crazy days.” **This summer, more than any summer in our pre-pandemic lifetime, must become a time of harvest.**

- Proverbs 10:5 declares the truth: “He that gathers in summer is a wise son: but he that sleeps in harvest is a son that causes shame.”

This is the season of opportunity God has given us at this moment!

*In Cuba, for example, we’re witnessing the miracle of the loaves and the fishes, re-enacted in 2021! . . .*

In a three-way phone call with our field director and field liaison, I asked about the Cuban people’s struggle for food. The response was chilling: “Scarcity in most homes.” “Desperate situation.”

Our field director’s church is doing what it can, preparing **one meal a week** for the hungriest people. The women buy edible roots (yucca, sweet potato, and taro). They bring rice if they can find it. Fishes are usually available because they’re only about a block from the shore. If someone has enough money, they buy pork. They prepare as much food as they can.

**They’re feeding 150 people, four times a month.** I asked if we could do likewise in the other areas where we minister through key churches in our network. Grand total of estimated need, between now and the end of the year is \$10,000.

I confess when I heard this figure, I felt the pinch. This kind of money was not in our ministry budget.

But then came the “loaves and fishes” moment! . . .

Our field liaison brought us this fascinating bit of information: Cuba is going through a “currency transition.” The result: The value of the U.S. dollar has shot up.

*If you can present physical “greenbacks”—U.S. dollars—for any transaction . . . \$1 becomes \$2!*

From that moment, God began opening amazing doors. A friend’s parents, who are in their 80s, sold their beach home—and would arrange for a portion of the proceeds to be paid in greenbacks. *Their son could get us the equivalent of \$20,000 in the exchange.* We made a \$10,000 deposit into our Miami ministry account and began providing \$20,000 worth of food and aid through our church network for Cuban people in desperate need!

*The loaves and the fishes!*

My friend, it is clear that the Lord is leading us strategically every step of the way.

And I thank Him that you are journeying with us, partnering with us, celebrating with us!

Everything God does through this ministry begins with a generous friend like you giving in faith.

*You are as vital as the **root** is to the **fruit**.*

When a member of our ministry board saw photos of our teams distributing aid, he put it this way:

“These are soldiers of the Lord; they are our hands and our feet!”

*You are sending them.*

*Your prayers, your giving, empower them.*

And today, with summer upon us, I urge you to pray more! Give more! Send more! . . . because **we are playing catch-up in this season of harvest!**

Yes, I hope you’ll have wonderful summer season times of relaxation and joy, and great experiences with those you love. But as many of our friends take time off and enjoy the distractions of summertime, giving drops—and our ability to minister diminishes.

*The harvest can be jeopardized—at a time of enormous potential.*

So please give today. I urge you to give because of the specific doors God is opening for us at this moment:

- In this month of July, we are visiting Spain, Sierra Leone, and Ukraine. Each field demands attention and a quick turnaround into a new year of ministry.
- In August we hope to lay the foundations for our ministry activities in the Philippines and Mexico. Cuba will also need fine-tuning as the nation opens up again, and all our ministries can resume.
- Meanwhile, we’re continuing our teaching via Zoom in Sierra Leone, Brazil, and India—but we have urgent requests for four in-person courses in the next six months, as students and churches need a renewal of vision and a clear understanding of how we’ll go forward post-pandemic.

- We're moving closer every day to securing our connections in Viet Nam. With the achievement of this objective, we'll be making disciples on every inhabited continent!

My friend, the Great Commission is doable! "Go into all the world" is no longer just an inspiring phrase. In the same way that mountain climbers use the verb "to summit"—to reach the top—we *are preparing to summit!* We'll soon be reaching every continent!


I believe God delights in our daring attempts in the enthusiasm of faith to accomplish great things in His Name. David, facing Goliath, declared that "the battle belongs to the Lord . . ." (1 Samuel 17:47). Jonathan, surrounded by the enemy, declared, "Perhaps the Lord will work for us, for the Lord is not restrained to save by many or by few." 1 Samuel 14:6).

God's promises aren't "one and done." God's promises stand. They are sure. They endure.

Hebrews 4:1 speaks of entering into "rest"—but it's not a sleepy rest. It is the kind of rest that empowers us to go into battle to conquer the Promised Land! You and I can experience this *rest and conquest* still today as we march together in faith! "Therefore, let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience."

Summer is upon us, with opportunities for rest, but also for achievements of faith. May the Lord grant you both—*rest and conquest*. Please join me in faithful prayer and generous giving. Together we'll march toward victory. I look forward to hearing from you soon! God bless you!

For the Summer Harvest,



Dr. Manny Fernandez

P.S. Whatever the Lord lays on your heart to give today, please don't delay to give it! After more than a year of pandemic complications, we are playing catch-up! Your gift will go to work immediately. Thank you in advance!

P.P.S. If you would like to receive the pictures or access to the video as mentioned in the letter, please send a note with the reply card.