World Link Ministries

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Dear Ministry Partner,

Warm greetings and a happy Thanksgiving!

It is time to give thanks for the amazing harvest so far this year . . . and the **Great Thanksgiving** that will echo in eternity! *We give thanks to* ***the Lord of the Soul Harvest!***

Your ministry to a lost and dying world is BIG and **BOLD!**

→ In **Kenya** (and in other countries), our brothers and sisters have shared how *thrilled* they are to be involved in a movement making a **bold effort to plant 400 new churches** in their country!

→ The Venezuelans pondered the BIG vision of 1,000 church plants in their country, and this is what they said: **"**We have been praying for seven years that the Americans would come back. We knew when they came it would be **BIG!** Now, we see that the Lord answered prayers — and ***it is BIG!"***

→ We heard from our fellow believers in Myanmar — where they are developing **"only"** ***105 churches*** at present — **"It is a bold move!"**

I know for a fact that I never thought ***I*** would be part of something so big that it is now beginning to circle the globe! I hope you share the feeling . . . because ***you*** **are making it happen!**

Our hearts are full of thanksgiving for the blessings of being in God's family — and for the amazing joy of being part of His wonderful and eternal work! ***Amen!***

As I write, I am in Madrid, Spain. I've already taught for a full week in this region; over the weekend I taught and preached in the Canary Islands. It was a happy time, seeing great progress in the work in Grand Canary, and reminiscing with friends about the 30 years we've been serving together in the Canaries.

*Small, simple beginnings lead to BIG, BOLD things for the Lord!* I remember the day, way back then, when we connected with a missionary family from Ireland. They worked with us to develop an extension training center in the Canary Islands. Just as we were doing in other parts of Spain, we could train many people to engage in ministry.

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That family has seven "keds," as the Irish called them: 3 girls and 4 boys. At the time, Dennis, the head of the Murphy family, was "holding down the fort" in Grand Canary, far from his family, at a church they had planted — *and built with their own hands!*

Dennis Murphy was able to see and be with his family only once a year, twice at the most. After each short visit, he always had to resume his work in the Canaries. The family was back in Belfast; his wife Mary Pat was putting the kids through school.

On a visit with Dennis in the Canaries, I asked him, "Have you thought of putting your boys through Dallas Seminary?" He scoffed. "Brother, I don't even *let* myself dream of something like that! The costs in the U.S. are unreachable!"

Caring friends like you, including the visionary people of Irving Bible Church in Texas, helped the four Murphy boys to make the leap. *Here's what happened:*

- David graduated and married an American wife and now ministers in an American church.
- Jonathan graduated with his Master of Theology degree, followed by a Ph.D. in theology. He later became a professor at the seminary in Dallas. Then he became the dean of the Pastoral Ministries department. Today he is the new senior pastor replacing Chuck Swindoll at his former church!
- Paul graduated and won the Preacher of the Year award in his graduating class. He is now senior pastor at Newton Breda Baptist Church in Belfast.
- Youngest brother Daniel also graduated from Dallas Seminary — the last of "the Murphy boys from Belfast" — and has served on the pastoral staff with his brother Paul.

*Even all of this is not the end of the harvest legacy of your generosity.*

I was teaching and preaching again this past week in the Murphys' Canary Islands church. This is the church which served as headquarters for the evangelizing of all seven of the Canary Islands, a quarter century ago, in 2001! We took the gospel to every home and every island.

And the ministry that committed friends like you began is *still going strong*. We are now making big inroads in the largest of the islands, Tenerife. Some of our graduates have ministered there; some are still ministering there. We also have an extension of our seminary teaching through monthly modules in Tenerife.

Bottom line: God's truth is marching on as you and we serve together! **It is truly a Soul Harvest Thanksgiving!**

*These joyous outcomes are the evidence that your giving makes a difference.*

*And this is why we must keep serving together — because **things are not good** in so many parts of the world.*

→ Today, news came from India: Two children in our teaching program, a brother and sister, were thrown from a motorbike in traffic. The sister was killed; the boy has a hopeful prognosis.

The girl was named Subhashini; it means "one who speaks gracefully." Thank God, through your generosity, both children had been presented with the gospel, and they both had prayed to receive the Lord. (India's church planters keep the gospel first and foremost in every education situation.)

Both children attended our summer VBS — that's where they received the Lord. And they were very active in Sunday school at the church.

Their mother, who was driving when a speeding car hit them, endured multiple leg fractures. She's devastated by the accident; she feels responsible for her daughter's death. She underwent an initial surgery; she had to be taken to the funeral in an ambulance. Between more surgery and subsequent recovery, she'll be in the hospital for months.

This puts pressure on her husband, who works a menial job. But with your support, we're helping them make it through these difficult months, funding groceries and other essentials. We're also helping the husband receive training in job skills so that he can support his family more fully and improve their overall quality of life. (I knew you'd want to be sure we did this!)

Perhaps some good has come out of this tragedy. The hearts of church planters all over India turned to this family's heartbreak and then realized: *Every child in our children's education programs has come to faith in Christ.* Many of their parents are making decisions for Christ as well!

Church planters realized that the great surge of adults coming into their churches are the parents of children in their training programs. Now they're committing to make the teaching of children integral to the work of their churches, and to the new churches they plant.

**Around the world, we see rejoicing in the midst of suffering.**

Ruslan, in Ukraine writes:

> "First of all, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to you and the entire World Link Ministries team for your faithful ministry around the world, and especially here in Ukraine.
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> Through our partnership, the gospel continues to spread, people are coming to faith in Jesus Christ, and new churches are being planted across our country.
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> I am particularly thankful for the Church Planting Project because it allows us to support faithful brothers who are wholeheartedly devoted to serving Jesus, even in the extremely difficult circumstances of war.
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> Many of these men and their families face uncertainty, danger, and significant personal challenges. Yet they continue to trust the Lord, share the gospel, disciple new believers, and build local churches. Their faithfulness is a great encouragement to me.
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> We are especially encouraged by the **42 Bible study groups**. They provide an important foundation for discipleship, spiritual growth, and the development of new congregations.
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> Our goal is to see people make an initial decision to follow Christ and then to help them become mature disciples who grow in God's Word, participate in the life of the church, and share their faith with others."

*This is FRUIT* — absolutely linked to the root. YOU are the root. Your support makes it possible for your brothers and sisters to serve in country after country, and *the work bears fruit*.

**How does it happen?** The God-given strategy, the promise, is very simple: "Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

***Here's the salvation equation:***

God, who has *all* the power and resources, poses the foundational questions: "How will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?"

And here's the clincher: "How will they preach **unless they are sent?**"

God, who has no complications, sees the absolute necessity: ***They need to be sent!*** As God Himself made it so in His spiritual dynamics!

Take just 60 seconds with me now to review the players in the drama of redemption:

Some will hear; some must preach that the gospel may be heard. But **the equation *starts* with *SENDING*** those who will preach salvation to the lost! IT BEGINS WITH ***YOU!***

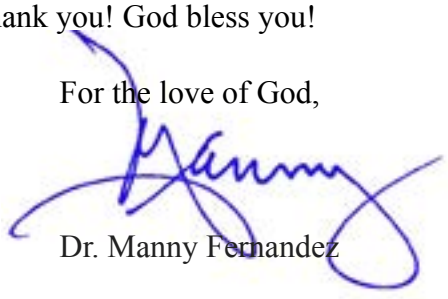
God wants you and me to be involved! He wants you in the mix. Thank you for doing what you are ordained and equipped to do, from right there where God has planted you!

*This is what He had in mind all along: you, where you are, equipped as you are, serving as you are.*

Please stay in step with the Lord of the Eternal Soul Harvest! Give a Thanksgiving gift as the Spirit leads you today. Your generosity will translate into church planters trained, churches planted, lost souls saved, and *the Word going forth "into all the world"!*

I hope to hear from you soon. Thank you! God bless you!

For the love of God,



Dr. Manny Fernandez

P.S. There is no greater enterprise than the planting of thousands of churches. You are doing it! Your BIG, **BOLD** decision to stay in the fight, to be strong and be very courageous . . . to march on and to conquer new ground . . . is a crucial building block of the Church of Jesus Christ. Thank you again for standing with church planters around the world.