



## Connecting People, Nations and Continents for the Great Commission

"...that My name might be proclaimed in all the earth."  
Romans 9:17

Jane Ann and I hope you enjoyed a safe and restful Independence Day. For us, it was a refreshing time spent with our good friends, Presley and Jo Anne Duke in Ruidoso, NM. On July 4<sup>th</sup> we took in a very old-fashioned parade in Capitan NM, (small town America.) People from all walks of life were celebrating the independence of our Great Nation. They were visiting and laughing with their neighbors and making new acquaintances. The atmosphere was filled with a real sense of joy and peace. There was a mood of reverence and appreciation for the freedoms we have as citizens of the USA. The day was a moving experience because there was an incredible sense of God's presence. Psalm 133:1 says "*How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity*" and then continues in verse 3, "*For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.*" There is no doubt that in that throng of people there were very different beliefs. Nonetheless, for a few brief moments we were one celebrating together! God's promises are for all people who live in accordance with His principles. I believe we all live at a break-neck pace and in the process we miss some of God's most wonderful life experiences. It seems the world is upside down which creates a sense of anxiety in most of us. I have been meditating on the following verses and believe there are principles that can guide us to live in the peace and well-being we all desire. We are writing today to bless and encourage you (and ourselves) to stay aware, alert and focused on God's presence and voice.

### Marks of the True Christian from Romans 12:9-13

<sup>9</sup> "Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good."<sup>10</sup> Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality." (ESV)

- **Let Our Love Be Genuine** – Let us sincerely care for one another...even those we disagree with. There is a real danger of missing the best God has for us when we cast judgement on others instead of genuinely praying that God will bless them and draw them to Him.

- **Abhor What Is Evil; Hold Fast To What Is Good** – The world is in the process of throwing away all forms of discretion, decency, and morality. We must anchor our hope and faith in the fact that God is our ultimate source of what is true, right and good.
- **Outdo One Another In Showing Honor** – There is a tragic trend in dishonoring those who are in authority. There are no longer barriers which people will not cross to defame others. We must make a conscious effort to rein in what we communicate about others.
- **Do Not Be Slothful In Zeal, Be Fervent In Spirit, Serve The Lord** – We have so much to be grateful for. Our passion for God and thankfulness to Him should be evident in every part of our daily lives.
- **Rejoice In Hope** – The bible tells us in Hebrews 11:1 “*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*” Hope is our reality that keeps us anchored and persevering.
- **Be Patient In Tribulation** – I don’t know of anyone who hasn’t faced difficult times. It is part of our maturing process. Thankfully our tribulation is only for a season. God knows how much we can endure and will not test us beyond our ability. And in the process we discover who we are and who He is. Through that process we become more than conquerors in Christ!
- **Be Constant In Prayer** – To be constant in prayer is to simply stay conscience of God in our thoughts, in our transparency with Him and in our listening for His voice. Through that we learn to discern the will and mind of God for our lives.
- **Contribute To The Needs Of The Saints And Seek To Show Hospitality** – Jane Ann and I have a conviction that God blesses and favors those who help, comfort and serve others.

May the truths in these scriptures burn in our spirits to keep Jesus central in our hearts and minds.

## Colombia Pastors Conference

Wednesday, July 10 is rolling around fast. Our ministry team of Gary, Royce Riggin, Paul Henry and Randy Voight leaves to lead a Pastors Conference in Medellin. This will be our 6<sup>th</sup> year to minister to key pastors in Medellin. We will join forces with Pastor Leo and Silvanna Grisales and their expanded JUMP Ministry Team. We appreciate your prayers for us and our spouses while we are gone.

## You Are A Key Piece Of The Puzzle

God has given Gateway Missions unprecedented favor in Central and South America, including Cuba. It is evident that God has provided an open door for us to impact the spiritual atmosphere there. In saying that, we need your prayers and financial partnership in order to achieve the goal, call and assignment of Gateway Missions, which is to do our part in fulfilling the Great Commission. Thank you!

Running the race,



Gary and Jane Ann Casey

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