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Dear friends,

Shalom in the great name of Jesus our Messiah. I am writing a quick note to see how you are doing and let you know how Chosen People Ministries is holding up amidst the coronavirus crisis. I particularly want to ask for your prayers and give you an opportunity to ask us to pray for you.

I am writing to you a number of weeks ahead of when you will receive this letter and matters could have changed dramatically in that time. So, please keep this in mind as you read on! At this point, I do not know if the spread of the virus and its impact on our lives will be better or worse by the time you read my letter.

You have probably been through times like this or even far worse, but I feel like I am a “crisis veteran,” having gone through both 9/11 and Hurricane Sandy in New York City.

I must say I learned a lot from these other disasters. As believers in Jesus, we have a peace that is not tied to the world’s situation or condition. We have hope in the One who has overcome the world!

Two of my favorite Bible verses are found in John chapter 14, and though this is a brief letter, I want to quote these passages for you, and I pray they will speak to your heart as they have to mine.

Jesus said,

“Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me” (John 14:1).

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful” (John 14:27).

As you meditate and reflect on these passages of Scripture, may they fill your heart with Shalom—the peace that can only come from the Prince of Peace, who lives in our hearts by His Spirit.

May I take one more moment of your time and share a couple of the challenges we are facing, which I hope will become the focus of your prayers for Chosen People Ministries?

Israel

We are having significant challenges in Israel, as its response to the virus has been swift and severe—probably for the good! If you travel to Israel from outside the country, you will be quarantined for two weeks the moment you land. Our Israeli staff, who planned to travel to the United States to speak in churches are able to do so, but they must be quarantined for two weeks when they get home. It is also almost impossible to get flights out of Israel! Additionally, we cannot conduct large public meetings. As a result, we have had to stop our larger Sabbath outreach dinners and concerts, as well as our public events for Holocaust survivors. As you may be aware, we minister to many elderly people who make up the Holocaust survivor community, and we pray they will remain healthy and draw near to the Lord.

On the other hand, we also see people—both old and young—who are far more willing than usual to hear about the peace we have in Jesus the Messiah. I experienced this during 9/11 and Hurricane Sandy, as well. This is not a time to be quiet and focus on our own survival; it is a time to reach out to those

hurting around us who do not know the Lord. Yet, we are so very human, and we confess that this is very hard to do...which is why we need to pray for one another.

At Home

We are experiencing significant challenges at home as well—especially during the Passover season, which began on April 8. Most of the churches we were scheduled to speak in have cancelled the meetings, including dozens of Passover evangelistic banquets.

At this time, we have about twenty-five people in Manhattan at our home office and another twenty in Brooklyn at our Feinberg Messianic Center. These dedicated staff are now all working from their homes in the greater New York area, as we have been “shut down” by the government. The same goes for a dozen staff members at our Florida office. We need your prayers for good coordination, effective outreach, and good health for the staff. I am confident the Lord will lead us through it all.

I could go on, but I know you also are experiencing tremendous challenges. So please let us know how we can pray for you. You can either visit chosenpeople.com/pray and send a digital prayer request, or you can return the attached card to us and we will pray for you.

I am sure you realize that this note replaces *The Chosen People* newsletter, which you usually receive at this time. I made the decision not to print and send the newsletter as I wanted to speak directly to the challenges we are all facing due to the spread of the coronavirus. We actually had completed the volume and will use it at another time. The economy is in bad shape and I need to be especially frugal, as do you, I am sure.

I can tell you that for the first time in years, Chosen People Ministries' giving is down by hundreds of thousands of dollars. I am hoping and praying that we do not need to make major cuts, but that will depend on how long it takes for this crisis to resolve. I especially do not want to cut back on our work in Israel, as Israelis are so open these days to the gospel. We have also stepped up our outreach in the midst of this tragedy on campuses and in our personal ministries to Jewish people.

I trust the Lord but am also asking if you might find it in your heart to send us a generous gift to help us get through a tough time.

I am confident God will provide, as He always takes good care of us and I know He will take care of you, too!

I am hoping you might consider giving a gift online by visiting chosenpeople.com/donate if you usually send us a check. You can also send a gift directly from your checking account to our bank. We are able to receive gifts by phone using your credit card, simply call 1-800-969-3830 to make your gift. Whatever method you choose, we will be very grateful for your additional support and prayers!

Thanks for reading this letter. I appreciate your prayers, and be sure to send your prayer requests, as we truly care about you and wholeheartedly believe in the power of prayer.

“The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much” (James 5:16b).

Your brother,



Mitch

“Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation” (Romans 10:1)