

October - 2023

Dear Friends,

With this letter you should have received a 2024 daily planner. I'm sure most of you have noticed how behind we are still running so let me start out by apologizing for that. As the challenges with supplies continues along with the ever increasing number of orders for our materials it's difficult to keep on top of production and getting things out the door. This, of course, means the 2024 calendar is being handled once again in the same way it has been for the last couple of years. As soon as the calendar is ready and in production we will begin going down the list of those who have sent in yellow cards prior to starting the process, as well as those who sent in the pre-order white cards. We'll move next to filling specific orders for the 2024, and any remaining subscribers' calendars we hope can get out with the Nov/Dec issue of *Shaqah*. I mentioned last year that some of the challenges with supplies might cause a difference in quality but I am happy to say the quality has not suffered in any major way we are aware of. With God's help we have been able to get replacement materials of equal quality for just about everything we were using before but which became virtually impossible to get now. Thus, we move forward into the 2024 calendar's production and distribution with a determination to continue to provide this resource for another year. May God use it to bless your life and grow your faith ever greater!

### Counting The Days

For those new to this project, *Counting The Days* is the companion book for the calendar. If you don't already have this book we are still trying to make it as easy as possible for you to get your copy. Inside each 2024 calendar there should be a pink card you can use to order *Counting The Days*. Simply check the box on the card and it will only cost you a stamp to send it to us and request your free copy of *Counting The Days*!

Also, remember that the companion book is part of the general materials available to order from Living Springs, and this means the book is available to order no matter if one does or does not have a pink card! If you know someone who does not have a calendar but wants to order one and would also like the book, please let them know it is cheaper for us if they order both at once. Ordering both at the same time will save them postage as well as Living Springs!

This also means those ordering multiple copies of the calendar, who truly believe the individuals they are giving them to would like the book, should let us know how many companion books they want sent along with their 2024 calendars!

### Yellow Card

As already mentioned, if you sent/send in the yellow card for the purpose of letting us know you want the next year's calendar, we automatically put you on the list of those who will get the next year's calendar when the pre-orders go out. No matter when yellow cards are received your calendar will be sent as soon as your order can be processed. Thus, if you've sent in your yellow card there is no need to send back a white card in order to get your 2024 calendar. The only exception to that is if you believe it's just been so long we might not have gotten your yellow card. However, keep in mind that each year's calendar is sent automatically to those who subscribe to *Shaqah* by regular mail. This means, as a regular print *Shaqah* subscriber, if this calendar is not something you are interested in receiving, please take a moment and use the yellow card to let us know that. If you do that, we do our best to keep a note on your subscription information.

### **Not A Subscriber and E-mail Subscribers**

If you're not a subscriber or are an e-mail subscriber to *Shaqah*, that's when the yellow card really comes in handy. You can simply use your yellow card to tell us you want the following year's calendar, because if you do not tell us, you will not receive one automatically.

If you're reading this letter and you're not a regular print subscriber to *Shaqah*, nor did you order a 2024 calendar from us, you likely got one because someone has sent this year's calendar to you as a gift! We want you to know this has not added you to a mailing list, and we will not continue to send calendars year after year unless you order one, or someone continues to request it for you! If the calendar is not something you want, please use the yellow card to let us know, and we will do our best to keep that on our records. Be sure to put your name and address on the return address portion of the card. Both of these are important as we do not want to refuse requests for other people who might share your name, and please be aware that if your address changes, we may fail to identify you in the future!

### **More Calendars**

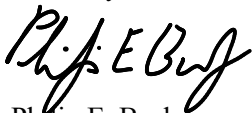
Those who would like to give one of these calendars to others for witnessing, as a teaching tool, or just to share with a friend as a gift can still simply write or e-mail us to order more. You can also visit our online Resource Shop. The drop-down menu gives you a chance to order up to five, because, as with all our materials, we do our best to provide these free of charge. This doesn't mean we are unwilling to provide more than five, but for larger quantities, we simply ask that you make the request directly. This gives us the ability to handle bigger orders on a more personal case by case basis, and assures we have the right information from you. If you would like more than five calendars, you can still use the online Resource Shop form and simply make your request in the comment box!

### **PDF Calendar**

As always, there is also a PDF version of this calendar which is available for download from our website. You can print this version for yourself, or to give to others. For reference and study purposes, all previous years we've produced are also available to download in PDF. Just go to [www.livingspringsinstitute.org](http://www.livingspringsinstitute.org), click on "Learning Center," then "Calendar Project," then the PDF calendar icon.

In closing this year I will simply say, helping people walk daily in faith is the reason we do what we do. We've always wanted to do more but if that was God's will He'd make a way. For now we will continue to do all we can to provide the resources most of you are familiar with and see what if any doors God opens as time goes on. All challenges aside, we are so grateful for all those who enjoy receiving our materials and find them useful to your walk with God! We also greatly appreciate those who have encouraged us through this last year and lifted us in prayer. We simply would not have made it this far without the prayer and support we get from all of you! May God bless each of you with the strength to continue serving Him no matter what the cost and may we all remain determined to stay the course until that day we receive the reward of standing face to face with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

Sincerely,



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