

Dear Supporters,

Each year, the world fights harder and harder against our ability to stay focused on the work of God. However, the scripture which The Lord continues to bring to my mind is Galatians 6:9 “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” God’s Word has made it clear, those who serve Him will not grow in popularity. As the hearts of many wax cold, those who are willing to hold on to God will be those who believe that if we endure, we will be saved from it all, not just perish with it all. (Matt. 24:6-14) We do not live for the tomorrow this world has to offer, but for the one God is offering! (Rev. 7:9-17)

As we take a look back on 2010, I have to start by saying, when it comes to producing new materials, 2010 was not the productive year we had hoped for. That being said, what we currently produce has seen rising interest, and little by little we’re gaining ground. For that, we are thankful to The Lord!

Shaqah has seen another good year! With all the devil throws at us, I honestly wonder each issue if we are going to be able to get it done. However, by the hand of God and His strength alone, we have gotten each issue published. We’ve seen our distribution numbers rise this past year, and that is in spite of the fact, we still only have the two locations in Fort Collins for regular distribution. Another blessing is, *Shaqah* hit a milestone, of sorts, this last year, as we published our 50th issue! We are joyful to The Lord for the opportunity He has given us to reach out and touch others with His Word!

I can also report that we’ve seen even more international interest in the ministry this last year. We have a growing number of subscribers to *Shaqah* from overseas, and we have received requests for quite a few books and materials, in general. I have to admit, it has been costly to mail these materials. However, we’ve seen God’s provision for this, and as long as God makes a way, we know we are in His will. The knowledge that our materials are valued in places all over the world is a great encouragement to us!

We’ve seen another great year for the calendar project as well. The 2011 calendar is out, and we have received orders through our online Resource Shop, as well as by mail! This has been a great addition to what we produce, not just as a product with its own great value, but also in the promotional value it has. Giving calendars to individuals who are curious about this ministry is a great opportunity to share, and get people interested in all that we do.

This brings us to the website and the fact the biggest growth it saw in 2010 was the calendar project, once again. As many of you probably remember, we sent surveys out with the 2009 prototype calendars, as well as the 2010 product. This last year, we posted a Survey Response Page which gives everyone a chance to see the input we received and what we did with it. Last year, I mentioned that we were working to put the calendar in a PDF format which could be downloaded from our website. This came to pass with the 2011 calendar! We are also able to provide the 2009 & 2010 calendars in PDF; which means, even though these years are no longer available in print form, people can still access them digitally. This is very valuable for the person who wants to learn the Biblical calendar and how it works. One year is great, but getting to reference more than one year is very helpful for gaining a full understanding.

The other on-line work which got done, or at least started, in 2010, is our venture into the social media world of the internet. Living Springs now has a presence on Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube. I know many people have differing opinions about all this, and many have no idea what I’m even talking about; but in any case, it’s important to our ability to reach out and make contact with people, that we have a presence in this arena. For those who know how to use, and like to use, these on-line mediums, it makes it easy for them to stay connected to Living Springs and benefit from what we provide. It also does a fantastic job at bringing a greater number of people to recognize this ministry even exists, and one of the best parts of it all is that it costs us nothing financially. I say “financially” because it has added a bit to

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the work we do on a regular basis. However, even over the short time we have done it, it has proven to be worth the effort and time!

When it comes to goals for this year, I can say we will simply keep digging! One of the things we did not make much progress on this last year, which we sincerely wanted to, was the companion book to the calendar. Lord willing, we will make better progress on this in 2011. We also did not get as much done as we hoped in republishing our older articles into PDF for the website, but we will keep chipping away at that task as time goes on. There is also new material for the website which is in the works. This material will greatly add to the basic teaching people can obtain from our site, and some of this work may lead to more booklets being formed. These new works should have great value, and we will be letting everyone know as, Lord willing, they come to pass.

As always, I want to take the time in this letter to say thank you to all those who have contributed to this ministry. I know each dollar is a sacrifice, but I hope what you see in this ministry convinces you that you're truly sacrificing to The Lord as you give. We want to be, and want all of you to be, a part of those who will endure to the end of the things we see coming to pass all around us. Remember, no matter where you are, or what circumstances you are in, you can always serve The Lord in prayer. This ministry needs financial support to do the work, but we need your prayers even more! It's your prayerful support of this ministry which lifts us up, and causes us to continue to do the will of God in this world of strife!

I say thank you again this year to everyone directly involved in the physical work of this ministry! It becomes more obvious all the time that I can't do it all on my own, and I am thankful for those who are willing to work. Whether you have given financial support, prayer support, or been a part of the actual physical work of this ministry, I appreciate everything everyone has done. It is my prayer we will see a renewed dedication to this work in 2011!

We also continue to be thankful for our military men and women who are serving in all corners of the globe to protect the freedom we enjoy in this country, and which keeps the opportunity open to accomplish this work! We know freedom is not free, and our prayers are always with our military! On that note, I want to encourage everyone to pray for our leaders and those who have the authority over us. (I Tim. 2:1-4) They need God's direction now more than ever before!

In closing, I simply continue to encourage prayer. I Thessalonians 5:17 instructs, "Pray without ceasing." Even if prayer is all it seems you are able to do, do not grow weary, because prayer is certainly well doing! This world needs God's direction, and so we pray, come Lord Jesus! I pray you will all have a year of personal growth in your walk with The Lord. The events of this world show us more each day that our walk with God is the only thing of true value! With that, I say one more time, thank you, and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you this year and always!

Sincerely,
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