

Dear Supporters,

Last year, I encouraged everyone to remember the words of Galatians 6:9 where we are told not to grow weary in well doing because in due season we shall reap if we faint not. As each year passes, I believe these words become more and more important; and it is my hope that each of you have stayed the course throughout this past year. No matter what this world or the devil throws at us, we must continue in the work of The Lord and know that He will bring it to pass! (Ps. 37:5)

I also said in last years letter that we hoped 2011 would be a better year for seeing more production of materials. This has not happened in the way I had hoped, but the year was productive in many ways, nonetheless. We continue to send books to other parts of the world, and that is a special blessing. From some places, we have seen interest we simply are unable to keep up with. At the same time, we have been told by the ministers and ministries who are receiving materials from us that they are seeing souls saved through them. Along with our materials, we have also begun to send Bibles in order to help meet the demand of those who desire to read God's Word for themselves. As I have mentioned before, this is a costly endeavor, but you cannot put a price on a soul won for Christ! We pray The Lord will continue to give us the financial, as well as physical strength to continue to send materials and help those who desire them the most!

As always, *Shaqah* continues to be a major part of what this ministry is able to do year by year. We are blessed to know it is touching hearts and lives in many places. We have seen some rise in our subscription numbers, and the distribution locations have been doing so well it has redefined what we call good distribution for each issue.

Talking about *Shaqah* brings us to the major purchase of 2011. We were thinking about making an attempt at buying a regular copy machine which could hook to our computer and do the printing for this ministry. We needed this because the printer we were using was getting up there in age (for a printer at least), and had been far out paced by the demand. As we were in the process of looking, as well as praying that The Lord would provide a miracle, because these machines cost a lot, our older printer gave out! At that point, we simply did not know what we would do. However, God directed us away from the high priced machines and to a new machine in more of a reasonable price range which we did not really know existed. This also happened at a time when these machines were being offered at a deep discount. I know God could have provided any machine He wanted, no matter how expensive, but God used the circumstances to give us the machine we needed! The new machine fits in the space we have available; it's definitely an improvement in print quality; it is much faster than the older machine (which is a big blessing in and of itself); and it prints pages at far less cost. This makes all our materials so much easier, better, and more cost effective to produce!

The other corporate news from this last year is that we were able to trademark Living Springs' waterfall symbol! We certainly were not going to spend money on having a lawyer do this for us, but doing it ourselves seemed at first to be a daunting task. However, God led us through the process, and we got it done. This is greatly helpful as a publishing ministry. Now we not only have a unique symbol to identify our products, but one which we know can't be taken from us or used by others. When you see the Living Springs' symbol on a publication, you know it is from us; and if you suspect otherwise, please let us know.

Again, the website has done well this past year. We have been working to get more of our articles into the PDF format, as well as getting pages setup specifically for series such as "Following the Biblical Stream." Probably the biggest addition to the web this year is our corporate pages. This may sound like a lot of self promotion, but it is not as much as one might think. These pages contain more than just

information about who we are, they talk a lot about what we believe, why, and explain our perspective on teaching the Word of God. Not only can people contact us easier through the use of forms, but they can gain more trust in what we are teaching overall by knowing the foundational beliefs and perspectives we are coming from. It was actually through one of these new pages that we received a Q&A, which gave us another opportunity to teach on a subject we may never have been asked about otherwise.

Speaking of Q&As, this last year has seen the submission of several. One of these Q&As turned out to be such a big subject matter, it will likely be turned into a book! We thank The Lord for Q&A submissions because they give us a chance to teach on the subjects people want to hear about the most, and to pass that teaching on to everyone, through *Shaqah*, our website, etc.

Of course, I can't leave our calendar project out of this letter. The interest in these calendars has been great and they have become a solid part of the teaching products we produce. The 2012 calender is one of those publications which was greatly helped by the new printer, and the production this year went much smoother as we have been able to get the production down to more of a process. This is a very good thing because we are simply unable to keep up with everything we would like to do, and we continue to pray we will be able to get work done on the companion book which goes along with these calendars.

On that note, I will simply say that our goals for 2012 are to keep on keeping on. There are still many things about the website we need to complete: Q&As which need answered, materials to be published, books to be shipped, and so much more beyond all that! We have a lot on our plate, and we will continually seek The Lord's will about what to put our time and energy into as the days and months of 2012 pass by.

Now, before I close, I want to take the time as always to say thank you to all those who have contributed to this ministry. Your sacrifice is greatly appreciated, and souls are being won for Christ! I, once again, encourage all of you to continue to serve The Lord in prayer. This ministry needs financial support to do the work, but we greatly need your prayerful support as well. We all need to pray for our leaders, and especially for the protection of the freedoms we have to do God's will. Unfortunately, these freedoms are quickly being erased in America and around the world by people who only desire the things of this world. We can raise our voice among men, but no matter how it all unfolds, prayer is what opens the doors for God's will to be done on this earth as it is in heaven! (Matt. 6:9-13)

In closing, I will also take a moment to say thank you to everyone who has been directly involved in the physical work of this ministry again this year! It takes financial support, prayer support, and actual physical work to accomplish what we do. It is my earnest prayer we will see continued dedication to all these throughout 2012, and/or until we see the return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! We pray The Lord will lead and guide each of you throughout this new year, and that you will find His presence ever closer each passing day. Shalom!

Sincerely,  
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