



The Good News Letter



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Dear Faithful Friend,

First and foremost, may you and yours enjoy a very blessed Christmas and a happy New Year. The greatest truth about the Good News of the Gospel is that there will be peace on earth in God's perfect timing. Jesus warned that in the last days there were to be times of conflict between nations and cultures, but He also said that when you least expect it, God will put all things under His feet. It is this hope that Christians are told to pray for and to expect. If you have prayed the Lord's Prayer lately, you will recall the words 'Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven'.



Jim now has family living nearby. Since Sylvia, Jim's daughter arrived in Springfield, Missouri, together with her daughter Sabrina, many positive things have occurred. They now both have their Permanent Resident 'green cards' and driver's licenses, which also act as identity cards. Sabrina is enrolled in the Ozarks Technical Community College (OTC) studying towards her goal of becoming an event planner. Sylvia now holds a Missouri Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) license, permitting her to work in a hospital or nursing home. This gives her income while studying towards the Licensed Practical Nurse Certificate (LPN). They are settled in a nice two-bedroom house with an attached garage and a fenced backyard for the two dogs and the cat. The animals were flown on a different airline from South Africa to the USA, and were promised to be delivered one afternoon at about 4 pm. The plane was delayed and the front door bell rang at three in the morning!



Buddy, the dashund loves to go for walks. He bounces through the grass and runs ahead, then stops to investigate a new smell. The other day we took him to the lake, in the village where Jim lives, and he got busy smelling something, while we walked ahead, and turned onto the jetty to view the ducks. Buddy had been this way before, but when he saw he had been left behind, he came running as fast as his short legs could propel him. In his haste, he actually passed the jetty entrance,

then turned left and ran down the steep lake bank. Before he could stop he was in the cold water, trying to figure out what happened! He dog paddled out to the concrete pylon which supported the walkway of the jetty. While his front paws held his head just above the water level, those big brown eyes looked up at us, with a puzzled look as if saying “How do I get out of this predicament?” We walked back to the shore and then called him to swim to us. Once out of the water Buddy spent quite a while trying to get warm and dry again.

Since Jim retired from his ministry with Network211.com he has been catching up with a backlog of paperwork and research at home. His work toward an M.A. in Intercultural Studies is

progressing well and he is maintaining above average grades. He is passionate about completing his thesis and making a contribution to the understanding of the inter-relationships of the people who developed the missionary vision in the Early Jerusalem Church.



Immediately after the ascension of Jesus there was a social-network of believers who developed this vision of reaching the world with the Good News of the Kingdom. This area of studies has not been extensively explored yet, but Jim expects to make some helpful inroads in this very early era. Jim’s first book “*God’s Honorable Mentions*” broke some ground but an amazing amount of new content has since been found. Jim will use this in his thesis, to show how it all points to the possible rewriting of history concerning the dating of the Synoptic Gospels, which he hopes to present in a dissertation for his Ph.D. This will take time to complete, and Jim will do all he can to

complete this work in the coming three to four years.

Thank you for your prayers and friendship in the past. Please continue to hold Jim up in your prayers. In this his 82nd year of life it is his dream to finish out this calling from the Lord, as a servant of the Savior.

Wishing you a happy and wonderful future, in your life and adventure with the Lord.
In Calvary’s Bonds,

Jim Cole-Rous

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