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Dear Friends,

We are coming up on another graduation season. It is great to see others attain the level of accomplishment that graduation represents. This is one of the most fulfilling times for us since we love to see our students graduate from CSCL, our K-12 school, and MSU. It represents an accomplishment for them and us. We also hate to see them leave, but that is part of life. Life does move on fast!

My oldest son, Ben, graduates from high school this year which will leave us with only one child still at home, Sam, our youngest. I have to brag about Ben for just a bit. Ever since he was a small child, he has wanted to make movies. He has stayed focused, and even when in elementary school, he would gather his family and friends to make home movies, some of which were remarkable. Once when a Hollywood producer visited us to discuss making *The Final Quest* into a movie, I couldn't find Ben in the house one afternoon. Then I heard him upstairs saying very boldly, "And I don't want some cheesy no talking part either!" Ben and Sam had this producer cornered and were making him promise to let them act in a movie. I think they were about 8 and 10 at the time.

Lately, Ben has become sought after for doing wedding and music videos. Recently, he shot a Coke commercial for a national contest and at this writing it is #1 in the voting by a good margin. Ben applied to his dream school of Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), and he was accepted. It is one of the top schools in the country, but also one of the most expensive, and way out of our budget. He could get school loans, but would graduate with well over \$100,000 in debt even after we helped him all that we could. Ben prayed earnestly one night for what to do, and the next day the Dean of Admissions called and said they had decided to give Ben a full scholarship! This was a gift of about \$140,000.

It turns out that Ben was given a scholarship that is rarely given, and I think the Coke commercial is what got this for him. Those who have seen it say it looks as professional as any, and has a powerful emotional element that is uncommon. You can view it by going to <http://en.eyeka.com/video/view/1061247-Celebrate-Refreshment>. If you want to vote for it, this would be helpful too!



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We have been blessed by how many of our CSCL (K-12 school) students receive scholarships. Most are academic, and we have had one graduating class where every graduate got an academic scholarship. Ben did not have the best academic records, but it was his gift that won it for him. That works for me.

Seeing our students get into great schools and receive scholarships is fulfilling, but we have now been operating long enough to have some students who have also graduated from college and become a part of the workforce. Those we have been able to keep up with seem to be rising as leaders in their fields. That was our hope, which is why we named our K-12 school the Comenius School for Creative Leadership.

I would also like to offer special congratulations to any of your children or grandchildren who are graduating, and I pray that they will find and walk on “the path of the righteous,” that “gets brighter and brighter until the full day” (see Proverbs 4:18).

MSU Option

MSU made a great leap forward this year, and is poised for continued strong advances. If you have children who are graduating from high school and are not quite sure what they should do next, you might want to send them to MSU for a year. Giving a year to seek the Lord for clarity and purpose could have a major impact on their whole life. Once here they may want to stay and finish a degree program, as we now have accredited degrees from Associates through Doctorates. Even if they only stay a year, and then go on to another college, their year here will stay on record in case they ever want to come back and finish a degree, or do it by correspondence.

I have always found it remarkable that so many get college degrees but never work in the field of their degree. It could be one of the most important things a student does to take a year to seek the Lord, strengthen their spiritual foundations, and get a clear direction from the Lord for their life. Then they will be far more likely to start with a major they will stay with through college, and then work in the field of their study. We are told in Proverbs that “without vision the people perish” (see Proverbs 29:18 KJV), but we could also say that the less clear a person’s vision is the more likely they are to suffer loss, if nothing else, of a lot of time.

If you or your graduate do not have clarity and confidence in other decisions, this is a great option, and a Partner’s child or grandchild can get a 20% discount on tuition. Even if they know what they want to do or study, to give the Lord a year at this important point in their lives could be one of the best decisions they ever make.

Of course, we have many who are changing jobs or professions, or who are just in a life transition, that come to MSU for the same reason. Our oldest students have been in their 80s. I think probably less than a fourth of those who come to MSU feel called to a traditional ministry. Some get here and that changes, and they want to devote their lives to ministry or missions, but we feel that everyone is in full-time ministry and is a missionary too, regardless of what their vocation is. Our ministry in Christ should be more of our identity than our job or profession.



If you do not know your own gifts and calling, and feel that you need a more systematic study of the Lord, His ways, and His kingdom, you might want to consider MSU-Correspondence courses. If you cannot come to our campus, this is a great option.

Courtyard

We now have a dozen of our Courtyard units occupied. The feedback I've received from our residents has all been great. They love being here, and we love having them here. We just dedicated a common lounge and recreational room for this growing community, and I do think we are getting some of the finest people who are full of vision and life. This really is a "refirement center," not a retirement center.

We hope to have about 50 of these units completed soon, and no doubt this was a major homerun idea from David Yarnes. With all of the holdups on the Tower units, this was his idea to provide a place for those waiting. If they prefer, they can trade their Courtyard unit for a Tower unit when it opens, or they can remain in the Courtyard. Either way, this is a concrete step in developing what we hope will be one of the very best places on the planet to live. Not only are all of your neighbors Christians who share a common vision, but with all of the conferences, missions, schools, and other activities going on the options for a wonderful and fruitful life are many.

We do love our Heritage campus, and seeing it come to life and becoming what we envisioned it to be is really fulfilling. Thanks to all of you Partners and Nehemiah Project Sponsors! I hope you feel that this is your ministry and your home, too.

Tower Update

We are still locked in a battle with the county on this project. What they are fighting about simply does not make any sense to us. We've been told that it's actually political, and that they think we are bringing too many conservative voters to the region. Something like this has to be behind it. As one of the local TV stations said, "It just does not make sense that any county in the country would not want a project like this at this time." Even so, we've learned that the bigger the battle, the more important something is, so we will fight as long and as hard as it takes to get this done. The breakthrough could come at any time, or it could go to litigation.

I think we've tried to do all that we can to be reasonable and to accept reasonable terms; however, to date the county has come back with not only unreasonable terms, but irrational ones that do not even make sense. I think if it goes to litigation, we will not have much trouble proving that this has been an intentional attempt to sabotage this project by the county manager. We would rather avoid this and just be able to move forward with this project, but at present it seems almost inevitable.



We presented the situation to our board, and they were in agreement that we had grounds for a major lawsuit against the county. Of course, Christians always have to wrestle with turning the other cheek or responding, but there are sound biblical grounds for lawsuits when you are not treated justly. It is clear in the Book of I Corinthians that we should not do this with a fellow believer, but rather believers for justice. Even so, this is not a matter of a disagreement between fellow believers, but of dealing with a government entity. We have the example of Paul basically suing Israel when he appealed to Caesar for justice in his case.

We do hear some immature or idealistic say that we should just believe God to change the hearts of the county officials. If this were the case, then Paul did not have enough faith, which is why he remained in bonds and was carried to Rome. Of course, we would like to avoid this if at all possible, but I was told nearly 20 years ago that we would need to know how to fight in court. Right after that we were sued by the State of North Carolina over an eminent domain issue when we refused to accept what we considered a lowball for some of our property they needed. In fact, I felt that the state was abusing many farmers and other citizens in that area by pressuring them to accept extremely low values for their land, and that we had a responsibility to stand up to the state for their sakes as well as being responsible with ministry resources. We won the case.

I don't look at such things as a distraction, rather if it is God's will then I am a servant that will do what I'm told. Besides, people pay good money to go see movies about trials, so I determined that I was going to enjoy the whole experience, and I did. If we have to go to litigation with the county, then I will resolve to win, while in every way maintaining our integrity and the right spirit. I will also do my best to learn from it and enjoy it. However, I really don't like that bully spirit that is manifesting through our county officials, and I have to admit that I want to fight it and am even looking forward to it.

You may have heard about the Yale King story, how he was one of the most successful car dealer owners in the country, and car dealers are independently owned franchises. When our Federal Government took over GM, they also illegally seized hundreds of privately owned car dealerships across the country, including Yale King's two dealerships. Yale used all of his personal resources to fight this and finally won, with the Federal Court declaring that the Federal Government had acted illegally in doing this, but by the time this ruling came down all were ruined. One news report said that all of these dealers were Republican donors, and then no other news service picked that up and it disappeared. We interviewed Yale King and told the whole story in some of our Oak Initiative videos, and others have begun to pick up on it, with Yale even appearing on the cover of a major auto dealer's journal. This was a terrible crime committed by our own government against its citizens and I do not believe that I would be a responsible representative of the kingdom if information like this came to me and I did not sound the alarm. It is not speculation, but was all proven in court with overwhelming documentation. How can we be silent?



As Alan Keyes recently spoke at our Sunday morning services, in America the people are the sovereign. If we let this happen, then we are wicked sovereigns according to the Scriptures.

Because of the highly visible profile that the Heritage property still has, I would expect our case with the county to make national news. Of course, we can never be sure what kind of spin they'll put on this, so I don't make decisions based on that anyway. To me it is an issue of simply doing what is right, and refusing to cave in to injustice or evil. So far, with the exception of one tiny paper that I don't think many read anyway, the media has been very fair with us on this issue, and for the most part I think they have been on others too. I never expect that, and I do appreciate it when it happens, but we have to do what we believe is right regardless.

This is just to give you a heads up if you see this in the news. One thing you can be sure of—we are resolved to see that Tower completed. We know that the battle over it is because of how important it is, and we do not ever intend to give up on getting this done.

New MorningStar Television Show

By the time you receive this newsletter, our daily 30-minute television show on Angel One should be running. I've already taped four weeks worth of shows, and I think we have some very good ones. I also think you will see this program getting better and better. I think you will see us actually breaking news. We already have and are developing a network of sources that is hundreds of thousands strong, all over the world. One goal that we have is to help all of these become effective watchmen who can see and discern the truth, and sound the alarm when it is needed.

If you have Dish Network, or get Angel One, you can see these shows on our IP TV channel at www.MorningstarTV.com. I especially want to thank those of you who have sponsored programs. This has been extremely helpful.

In case you did not see that opportunity in the last newsletter, for just \$2,000 you, your church, ministry or business, can sponsor a daily program, and we will display the names and contact info of our sponsors at the end of the show. If you have a picture of your facility, pastor, leaders, or other that you would like displayed with this, we will add it. Your name or organization will also be added to the permanent list of sponsors so that there is ongoing recognition. Of course, if this just brings one more family to your church, or a good customer to your business, it can result in far more of a benefit to you than this gift, but our main goal is to do this together with other members of the body of Christ, and to stimulate what we think is the essential interchange within the body of Christ.

If you cannot afford to sponsor a whole show, you can be a co-sponsor for \$1,000, and we will include you with another as the sponsor of a show. You can also do this in memorial for a loved one, or in recognition to your pastor, mentor, etc. In these cases, if you send a picture of them we will display it.



Our start-up costs for this program are only about \$50,000 because we already have most of the equipment and the personnel for beginning. If you would like to contribute to this general program fund, with any gift of \$1,000 or more you will be a permanent member of our MS-TV Sponsors on our website and any material that goes out promoting the show.

A Call to Watchmen

As our television presence and other outlets continue to grow, I need watchmen who are researchers and reporters. There are some things happening in communities that deserve national attention. We need those who are trained to recognize such things and know how to investigate and report on them. We need watchmen to take their places on the walls, in the cities, and in the churches of America. We have already begun a program for this through The Oak Initiative, but this program will give us a much more regular and broader outlet.

Some special training will be involved for this. We want to develop an army of trustworthy sources of vital information. If you have an interest in being a part of this, please send your contact info to info@morningstarministries.org, along with any qualifications or experience you may have. However, previous qualifications or experience are not necessary to be a part of this.

Thanks for considering any way that you can be a part of helping get this program started. Again, it has been proven that there is a great hunger for this, and we think a great and increasing need for the times we are entering.

Our Resolve

Thanks again for being our partner in ministry. It is our resolve that we, and all who are connected with us as Partners, members of our congregations, students, staff, and all of our families, walk in all of the benefits of the New Covenant, to demonstrate the power of this covenant to redeem, restore, and to be the new creation we've been made to be by our new birth in Christ. That is our continuous prayer for you.

It is also our resolve to walk in the financial freedom declared in the Scriptures for God's people. To do this, we pray for the release of all who are with us in this ministry to walk in total financial freedom, to get free of every entanglement except to do the will of God, and that together we will be a demonstration of what it means to be a true citizen of the kingdom of God, and that all of the benefits of the New Covenant that were purchased for us by Jesus would be ours, and that we would be demonstrations of the truth of II Corinthians 9:6-15:

Now this I say, he who sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully shall also reap bountifully.

Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver.



And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

as it is written, "HE SCATTERED ABROAD, HE GAVE TO THE POOR, HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ABIDES FOREVER."

Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.

For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.

Because of the proof given by this ministry they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all,

while they also, by prayer on your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you.

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

By the testimonies we continue to receive, some of which we have been sharing in our services, this is certainly a time of great breakthrough for God's people. Even if the whole world begins to collapse, it is time for those who are a part of the coming kingdom to build.

Thank you again for your gracious and faithful support.

Yours in Him,

Rick Joyner

PARTNERS INSIDER

PERSON OF THE MONTH

Jorge Parrott, Missions Director



Since 1998 Jorge Parrott has been the President of Christ's Mandate for Missions (CMM). He and his wife of thirty-three years, Anna Marie, have three grown sons and reside in Fort Mill, SC. For the past nine years, they have been active members of MorningStar Fellowship Church and are on the leadership team.

JORGE TELLS ABOUT MORNINGSTAR'S INCREASED IMPACT WITH MORE THAN 500 ADDED MISSIONARIES.

In November, 2009, Christ's Mandate for Missions joined forces with MorningStar Ministries as MorningStar's official missions branch to further expand our opportunity to be a part of making a global impact through missions. Five hundred missionaries and missionary leaders (often overseeing many other missionaries) are directly under the CMM umbrella in more than fifty nations. Each missionary is responsible for his or her own churches, small groups, and/or schools. This large umbrella of active missionaries has made it possible for us, with CMM, to respond to disaster situations around the world.

When the earthquake hit Haiti in 2010, not only was a pastor already there to offer aid to the victims, but MorningStar Fellowship of Ministries members and our MorningStar University Special Forces were also able to send teams to help assist this pastor. Many other groups and ministries went to Haiti to offer assistance and relief but are now no longer there. However, CMM and MorningStar are still actively involved with supporting this pastor along with the other missionaries who are still helping the country recover. In a more recent development, the mayors of Cite Soleil have donated 20 acres to MorningStar Ministries to be used by the pastor whom we have been supporting. Jorge made it clear that "we are in it for the long haul."

Back in 1998, the leader of CMM heard from the Lord about Jorge. He said, "If Jorge takes over CMM, I will breath Resurrection Life into the ministry." Soon after, Jorge was made the President of CMM. Jorge says with a smile on his face that "to this day I can't think of a better place I would rather be for missions. We receive it, and then we send it out."

If you, your friends, or family members have a desire to help CMM bring the heart of Jesus to the mission field, then you can make a contribution to CMM. Please make your checks out to CMM and mail to: Christ's Mandate for Missions, 375 Star Light Dr., Fort Mill, SC 29715. To make an online donation and explore other ways to get involved, visit their website at www.Eaglemissions.net.

Don't forget to send prayer requests and praise reports to the Partners Department, MorningStar Ministries, 375 Star Light Dr., Fort Mill, SC 29715. The Partners Department prays over requests weekly.



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