



Dearest Ministry Partner,

What will God do in this new year?

More! Wonderful deeds!

Psalm 77:10 gives us this inspiring admonition for 2017:

Don't think for a moment that the right hand of the Lord could change!

Expect greatly from the Lord this year, knowing that God will continue to perform wonders in His work, leading us from victory unto victory!

But it seems God isn't finished with 2016 yet!

I'm writing you from Spain—it's still December—I'm teaching seminary students the 10 most important doctrines in the Scriptures. Yesterday we went to a bus station to sing Christmas carols and to share the good news that "unto us is born a Savior!"

I was north of Barcelona over the weekend teaching students and church planters. It was exciting to see a "full house" of students coming to study and learn. Others were there to consider whether they should join us full-time.

By now after many cycles, we know that these are the beginnings of lifelong careers. These young people will go out to serve the Lord in various settings and will bear much fruit.

One heartwarming example: Two sons of a pastor, they're considering joining us in Madrid in the new school year. They come from a great family of ministers. The two boys are pondering their family tradition and whether to take the step of going to seminary together. It wouldn't be simply a matter of joining us, but a matter of joining many in their own family who are already in ministry—and whom God has used in wonderful ways!

These young men's New Year's resolutions are quite impressive—not like so many who want to "lose a few pounds," . . . they want to lose themselves in the sweet will of God!

As we trust the Lord's right hand to continue to do wonders for us in the year ahead, we need to let the Lord, as the lovely 1874 hymn says, take our hands and let them move at the impulse of His love.



Journeying with Him, the year ahead has wonderful potential for us—all over the world!

- In INDIA, for example, we're moving toward the goal of 1,000 church plants launched! What a beautiful impact—on such a large mass of humanity! We know that God's greatness is more than enough for the task. We're also praying and working to expand our four schools—from their current capacity of 400 children each to 1,000 children each!
- In SPAIN we're praying we'll be able to begin construction on our seminary building. Prayer must lead the way in order for the wheels of government to turn and for the city authorities to grant us the necessary permits. We also need our funding to be in place. Prayer must also lead the way in revealing God's will to friends who will give generously toward this critically important project!
- In LIBERIA we need the clear leading of the Lord to bring us the people we need—the “human infrastructure”—to operate efficiently and effectively. We've taken ownership of the donated sawmill which will eventually support the ministry in that country. Next step: a thorough refurbishing to make the equipment fully operational.

And the list goes on!

I feel a little bit like Nehemiah, contemplating the work that needs to be done in a short amount of time. Nehemiah recognized that there was a lot of work to be done and plenty of opposition, plenty of ways for the work to be obstructed and the workers to be discouraged. That's where we are too!

But Nehemiah succeeded. If we want to succeed, we need to follow his two-stage blueprint:

1. The first priority is to bathe the whole project in prayer. Nehemiah wept, fasted, and prayed. His was—and ours is—a spiritual venture, not merely a building project! The spiritual nature of the church requires spiritual resources.

Nehemiah acknowledged God's greatness. Our ministry is not merely about what we want to do. It is about what God has told us to do and His strategy for getting it done.

Elijah understood this too. God was going to withhold rain, but He wanted the prophet to



pray and request the drought, to obey according to His “divine protocol.” He wanted His people to understand that prayer is a necessary step of dependence and expectation.

We, in faith, approach Him who has promised—in order that we may receive in due time what was promised. A spiritual endeavor will be appropriated by spiritual means.

So my sincere request to you today is you personally will be part of a prayer campaign, the driving engine for our momentous year of 2017.

Please make a conscious, deliberate effort to join us in prayer for the goals that God has set before us.

Remember, even when it is God’s idea, He wants us to pursue it in a spiritual way . . . for the full spiritual impact to be achieved!

2. Having established the spiritual foundation, Nehemiah prepared the work teams that would be assigned to the various tasks.

For our work in Spain, we need a prayer task force to pray that God will move hearts in government—just as Nehemiah prayed for the heart of the king in whose court he served.

City Hall has expressed their good will toward our project. They now must take specific bureaucratic steps before the land can be officially given to us. Pray with us!

Of course, God is already at work on the strength of prayers and gifts already offered. Here’s a fantastic bit of evidence: Our seminary in Spain just reached a tremendous milestone. We’ve formalized an agreement to grant accredited training online through Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

This means we can bring to Spain a sorely needed, fully accredited master’s program—giving our graduates an internationally accredited degree. Membership in this program will also offer our students online courses at a fraction of the tuition costs in the U.S.

Students and pastors alike are already signing up so they can receive the training as quickly as possible and receive their degrees!

This is a HUGE blessing—the opportunity to train more workers more effectively for greater impact not only in Spain, but beyond! The thinking of Europeans has become so secularized that we urgently need well-trained ministers who know what they believe and know



why they believe it. Europe needs ministers who know what the universities are saying—and why they are lacking in their truth claims!

The students in our program in Madrid and in our extension centers are experiencing a God-inspired optimism. By His power, we are making excellent progress. The battle can be won! We are seeing breakthroughs in city after city.

So should we celebrate by sitting back and applauding and nothing more? No! God wants to do more! Wonderful deeds!

I am asking the Lord of the harvest to send more workers for the harvest!

Some are in training to be part of the teams on the ground. Others are coming in prayer and in their giving.

However God has empowered you to be a worker for the harvest; you are hereby invited!

I say with the Old Testament prophet, “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’” (Isaiah 52:7).

The apostle Paul picks up the same refrain and adds a new dimension. You can come to the harvest in various ways—and you can also send those who are going! “How can they preach unless they’re sent?” Romans 10:15 asks.

Sending has been on God’s heart for a long, long time! All the way back in Isaiah 6:8 the prophet writes: “I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ Then said I, ‘Here am I; send me.’”

God gives everyone an opportunity to be involved in the harvest! EVERYONE GETS IN! How will you be involved? Will you go? Pray? Give? Send?

Many have already volunteered to “go tell it on the mountains” . . . and everywhere! But they need you to send them. Please do everything you can—if you can’t go in person, then pray! Give! Send!

Exciting days lie ahead—we know this because His right hand will not change! Be part of the adventure of 2017! The workers are ready and waiting. Please send them!



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For the harvest,

Manny Fernandez

P.S. To wish you a “Happy New Year” is no empty saying. The most joyous new year you could experience will be the year of involvement with the harvest! This is what God has called us to as His people. I hope to hear from you soon. Thank you for being such a friend!



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