



Dear Ministry Partner,

May the Lord in his faithfulness supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus!

**Here are the words of Scripture encouraging me most greatly today**—words of the psalmist assuring us of God’s protection *even in the midst of the spiritual fight!* . . .

Many are they increased that trouble me  
Many are they that rise up against me.  
Many there be which say of my soul,  
There is no help for him in God.

I cried out to the Lord with my voice,  
And he heard me out of his holy hill.  
I laid me down and slept  
And awaked for the Lord sustained me.

But thou oh Lord, art a shield for me,  
My glory and the lifter of my head.

For thou oh Lord, art a shield for me . . .

Just days ago, God used the words of this psalm to speak to me in a special way. . . .

You know I’m always in celebration mode about our work together in the fields. Today is no exception!

But some days, I can also understand how Paul the apostle could write about “when the afflictions are abundant” (2 Cor. 1:3-5). Once in a while, we find ourselves with a backlog of challenges . . . a reminder that *we are in a spiritual fight*.

When God spoke to me through the psalm, He reminded me that victory is found in God and God alone. If we wrestle with symptoms, we get nowhere. Sometimes we even seem to get more tangled up. But God is able to bring victorious results!

This is how it happened for me.

*And maybe God gave me this breakthrough to help you . . . maybe you or a loved one needs the reminder as well!*

Paul was there. When he writes to the Corinthians, he uses unique titles for God: “Father of Mercies” and “God of all Comfort.”

This wonderful God comforts us in all our afflictions, so that we may comfort those who are in any affliction with the same comfort with which we are comforted by God. “When the afflictions are abundant, the comfort is abundant” (2 Cor. 1:3-5).

*Now it’s time to rejoice—to be comforted—encouraged—inspired by the tremendous results of your prayers and giving over the past few weeks! . . .*

### **God gave us a fabulous, victorious summer!**

- In ***Cuba***, more than 430 people came to Christ; 78 new church planters were deployed; and 250 new churches were launched.

It was an outstanding experience. I was there with my son; he shared the workload—so I was able to focus my attention on evaluating and strengthening the ministry even while holding evangelistic meetings.

Today we’re following the work with prayer: Pray with us for the ongoing impact of all the decisions for Christ . . . for the decisions we made to strengthen the ministry . . . and for the new ministries that were launched!

- Now swing your viewfinder to the northeast, to ***Spain***—where we’re poised to ramp up ministries as the school year begins. We’re launching the school year not only in Madrid, but also in extension centers around the country.

The extension in the Basque region has already started. The director there in San Sebastian writes that 30 students have begun the school year “with great enthusiasm and great expectations.” They’re eager to learn and to “practice everything,” he says!

And how did these young people come to us? Most of them were inspired by the witness of other students! *Your giving to our ministry is multiplying in generation after generation of new Christian leaders.* Thank you for being faithful and generous!

Today we’re following up on the director’s letter with prayer: Pray with us that these students will be bold in sharing their faith with others!

I’m also thanking God for the multiplication of Bible training disciples around the country of Spain—this is the fulfillment of the vision of the Spanish heroes of the Reformation! Casiodoro de Reina and Cipriano Valera dreamed of this . . . the training and deployment of trained students . . . Spaniards trained and unleashed with the Word of God . . . preaching throughout the country! It’s becoming a reality!

We'll soon begin building our own seminary facilities in Madrid. By God's grace, we've received an "anchor gift" toward construction of the campus: an amazing \$200,000 given as a matching challenge. We're on our way! It's a thrilling moment . . . to relish the thought of such a dream coming true. I'll keep you posted on our progress in the weeks ahead.

- Now turn to the east again—to *Ukraine*, where we began working with Kyiv Theological Seminary more than a decade ago. We've just received a report of tremendous summer fruit and a great outlook for the fall. . . .

Of course this country has suffered terrible turmoil. Christians and churches all over Ukraine have faced serious challenges. But Ruslan, the director of our seminary in Kyiv, sees the bright side. In his courageous English, he writes: "As a result, opens up many opportunities for ministry and witness!"

They're praying that the Holy Spirit will "light a fire for service" in greater numbers of workers, and for leaders to grow in maturity so they can lead many into relationship with Jesus Christ. They're praying that our seminary will be greatly used by God to fulfill His plan.

Meanwhile, our Ukrainian church planters had a bountiful summer—seizing every opportunity for evangelism and discipleship. Every one of them conducted a summer camp for both children and adults. They also worked with refugees and soldiers. And the list goes on.

Bottom line: Ukraine was *amazing* this summer!

- 10,000 people reached by church planters (June through August alone)
- 10,000 New Testaments and other Christian literature distributed
- 417 prayed the prayer of salvation
- 72 have been baptized
- 250 are now attending small groups and Sunday worship

But Ruslan is also looking ahead. He asks for genuine prayer for the work of the church planters moving into the brutal Ukrainian winter.

All of these leaders have grown their work during the summer months by meeting in the open air. They've met in backyards and parks and public areas.

"As the rainy months come as early as August, and winter, bitter cold, will follow, they are wondering how the ministry is to go on!," Ruslan writes.

"None of us is sufficient for the task. We need God's intervention. We need genuine prayer."

Let's stand in prayer today with Ruslan and the Ukrainian church planters!

He closes with meaningful words: “Thank you very much for World Link’s *real ministry* in Ukraine with Kyiv Theological Seminary.”

Our ministry together is *real* ministry. As Ruslan has told me more than once, many groups come to Ukraine from other countries claiming they want to do ministry, but there’s a problem:

“They talk about concepts which to us seem like ‘clouds in the sky,’” Ruslan says. “They are pretty, but they never land here, and they don’t touch our world. World Link’s difference is that it changes things. It brings people together. It organizes churches. And things are left very differently than before you came.”

It feels like we’ve been given a medal of honor to be credited with *real ministry*. It’s a credit to you. You are the root of the fruit.

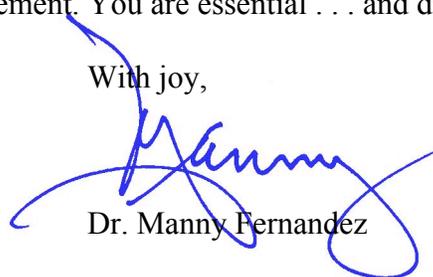
I am grateful . . . to God, and to you. Your generosity is making the difference.

The workers in Cuba, in Spain, in Ukraine and beyond, may not see you with their eyes—just as the root of the tree remains unseen.

But you are vital to the life of the organism. You are totally needed.

So I thank you for being such a crucial part of this *real ministry*—I remind you to pray, as we have been asked to pray; and I urge you to give generously again today. The work is heavy during this fall season. Some days, “afflictions are abundant.” The needs are many. Your open-hearted giving is a beautiful encouragement. You are essential . . . and deeply appreciated.

With joy,



Dr. Manny Fernandez

P.S. In Cuba and Spain and Ukraine and elsewhere, the workers are giving their lives to the cause of the Kingdom. Please stand with them in prayer, and in giving as generously as possible. Thank you again! God bless you!