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Warmest greetings in the Savior!

It is our daily prayer that God will bless you and all of yours as a tree firmly planted by streams of waters; which yields its fruit in its season . . . that He may make whatever you do prosper!

You inspire me—you bless me—as we partner together in serving the Lord together around the world. *You are offering the Living Water to a thirsty world . . .*

I've just received reports from India on **new wells**, dug with the generous support of caring friends like you, in the Assam region in the east between Bhutan and Bangladesh. (When the Lord called us to go into the remotest parts of the earth, we didn't know we would be fulfilling the call so literally!)

Our ministry partner there is sending us the details about the wells—and has already sent photos of the digging process and of the pumps, as well as baptisms already being conducted by our advance teams who are already proclaiming the Gospel and seeing a beautiful response! *It's not just physical water—it's Living Water!* I'll send you a pictorial report ASAP!

We also received a video report from one of our church planters; I'll send it along too.

**Water means LIFE!** We are seeing this truth in Assam. The Brahmaputra River used to be the lifeline for the entire region, but waste disposal and oil pollution are killing it. This vast waterway has become practically useless. It's as bad as what we've seen in the Amazon Basin, where people can't drink the water because of such severe contamination. It's a tragic irony that so many people live on the banks of mighty rivers—yet they cannot take a drink.

The people of Assam clearly needed help. We considered numerous inexpensive water purification systems—but to help everyone would take armies of people buying systems and delivering them. So we determined to dig wells.

As you read these words, multitudes of villagers have clean, safe water for the first time. And it's close at hand. Rather than having to walk miles and miles to get water, it's available within minutes of their homes!

They are rejoicing! Not only in the quenching of their physical thirst, but in their discovery of **the Divine Thirst Quencher** . . . the One who declared: "Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life" (John 4:14).

I want to assure you that this project is being conducted with strict accountability. We're not merely receiving reports; team members and I have traveled repeatedly to the field, to see the reality on the ground. Just two weeks ago, we met personally with the project supervisor.



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We delivered the funds for the wells with very specific instructions about our expectations. We've also tracked carefully with the evangelistic outreach in conjunction with the 20-plus wells we've dug. And the person responsible for our ministry development in India will be teaching next month in two of the three regions where training of church planters is going on already.

*All this is the fulfillment of a strategy God gave us more than 20 years ago.* I praise God that friends like you have caught the vision and set it all in motion—to bless the people of India in the “here and now” and even more for eternity! **You are in it and God is in it!**

I can't blame people for hearing about our India strategy and finding it almost “too good to be true”: For just \$6,000, we've been able to dig 20 wells! It's astonishing that it takes only \$300 for an entire village to gain access to clean water—and receive the Water of Life!

But there are millions more in need. The need is so great that in the natural, our capacity is nowhere close to being enough.

Yet I remember another impossible scenario: 5,000 people in desperate need of an immediate meal. Jesus didn't look for someone with 5,000 meals' worth of food in his backpack. He was happy to find a little boy who was simply willing to give what he had. . . .

When that little guy gave up his lunch of loaves and fishes, he gave all he had. But he didn't go hungry! “They all ate and were satisfied,” the Bible says, “***and they picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve full baskets.***”

If we are willing to simply do whatever we can, God will do the rest. In fact, God will supply above and beyond whatever we could ask or think. (He has been in the need-meeting business for a long, long time. He supplied above and beyond what each of the 12 tribes of Israel needed; the 12 baskets of leftovers were a symbol of this!)

Jesus responded to the innocent, compassionate faith of a child. That child did not offer his loaves and fishes with an eye to “return on investment.” He certainly didn't have any concept of “eternal return on investment.” He just saw that there was a need, and he gave it his best shot!

He's been world-renowned for 2,000 years since!

*My prayer is that you and I will be remembered for the same kind of faith.*

I see how God has positioned us “for such a time as this.” I saw it when a foundation asked me to meet with two consultants who advise Fortune 500 companies. The foundation wanted to figure out the key factors making our “train and deploy” model so successful in Cuba. . . .

It was a wonderful conversation. We discovered that successful ministries and Fortune 500 companies share a number of key principles!



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During our talk, the foundation's CEO made a fascinating point: Over the entire course of church history, **“formal” theological training** has only managed to train a small segment of the church—the equivalent of the steeple on a church building—when the need is for training in Bible and theology for the whole church—the equivalent of an entire modern church campus!

Our model, on the other hand, is “non-formal” theological training: We teach everything a student would receive in a regular seminary, but we don't require a student to hold multiple formal degrees before beginning.

And this, the CEO declared, is the only possible way to meet the need for theological training around the world today!

In fact, they insisted, we should immediately begin reproducing our model in the largest countries on earth—starting with China and India! I was happy to report we are already working in both of these countries as well!

The Fortune 500 consultants also explained that every great organization has three “boxes” of equal size:

- **The top box is “Great Vision.”** These consultants, by the way, *love* our vision!
- **The middle box is “Great Strategy.”** They were very happy to see us getting local leaders trained and deployed, and to see how quickly our graduates plant churches among their own people.
- **The third box is “Great Capacity.”** This, they said, is where we are “small.” But they quickly reassured me that every organization begins like this. **Our challenge is to grow the third box!**

How? By bringing two ingredients into our work:

- First, Human Resources
- Second, Financial Resources

Normally, the first eventually takes care of the second. As people understand the vision, they find that they want to do their part: **They want to give their loaves and fishes!**

So our great goal of the moment is to get the word out! We need to tell our story to more and more people, and let the Lord touch hearts as He will.

This is the huge two-part challenge I bring to you today:

1. We need to keep going strong in the work already under way. We're beginning to feel the challenges of rapid growth! It's a “good problem.” It's the Lord's blessing!



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When God opens a new door but we don't have a sponsor for the new work, I call it an "orphan blessing." Certainly the ministry grows—with a life of its own, by the grace of God and the power of the Spirit—but *it accelerates when someone like you takes ownership of the blessing*, so it's no longer "orphaned."

2. Second, in order to grow our "Capacity" box, we need to get out and tell the story. One great approach: *vision tours*. We bring people together for a one-hour presentation of our three strategic activities: evangelism, church-planting, and pastoral training.

There's no funding appeal; we're only looking to raise up "Ambassadors"—friends willing to bring us in to share our story with groups of their own friends or coworkers, or with their Sunday school or church.

We've conducted these "tours" in our own ministry offices, as well as in various far-flung locations from coast to coast.

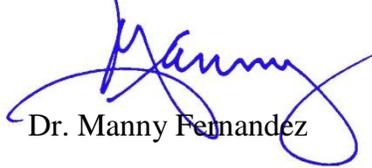
How can you be involved? Consider becoming an "Ambassador." Who are the people in your life with whom we could share the news about our ministry . . . your ministry? Contact me; let's talk about the possibility of a tour!

But in the meantime, **please own a blessing!** Give a generous gift today to help us *accelerate* the work that God has already raised up . . . in India or Cuba, in Spain or China, in any of the fields to which the Lord has led us!

We are serious about BIG outreach—for the sake of lost souls in need of the Savior—so we need to grow everywhere! All I ask—all that any of us can do—is the essentially simple action of *offering our loaves and fishes*. From that point, **the POWER comes from God!**

I believe it's "Great Capacity" time for the ministry God has called us to together. Please give as generously as possible today. God is in it! Let's be in it, too!

Believing for "Great Capacity,"



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P.S. Our world is thirsting to death. Like the Brahmaputra River, our culture is polluted by sin. But we have the privilege of offering Living Water. Let me hear from you quickly. Thank you in advance! God bless you!