

Dear Partnering Churches and Missionaries,

We hope this letter finds you well and growing in the grace of Christ, “who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel” (II Timothy 1:10). On behalf of the entire HeartCry board and staff, we want you to know that it has been and continues to be a great privilege to serve and pray for you as you labor in the Lord’s vineyard. We know that the work is difficult, and the cost is oftentimes extreme. You have been chosen to fight the good fight in the most difficult arena of them all. It is a battle between heaven and hell, that will ultimately result in the eternal life or eternal death of countless multitudes. As the Apostle Paul writes:

“For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life. And who is adequate for these things?” — II Corinthians 2:15-16

Because of the fierceness of the battle, we pray for you, your families, and your churches that God might make His faithfulness and power known in every circumstance. Never forget that you are far more than servants to God and to us. You are His sons and daughters and our brothers and sisters. You are “the apple of His eye” (Psalm 17:8), and “you are in our hearts to die together and to live together” (II Corinthians 7:3). Although you may pass through many difficult trials in your labor, we are praying for you, but more importantly, God has pledged to work all things together for your good and conform you to the image of His Son (Romans 8:28).

The purpose of this letter is two-fold. First, we want you to know that God continues to prosper the ministry beyond our every expectation. We have made the Lord our boast and He has never betrayed our trust. Though our faith has been weak, His faithfulness has been unchanging. It is truly amazing to see what the Lord has done over this past year. In November of 2021, we were supporting around 235 missionaries and their families. Currently, we are now close to 328 families. To God be the glory! Second, we want you to know that we not only remain committed to you, but that our commitment has grown. The result of the weight of the Lord’s resources entrusted to us, along with the expansion of more faithful labors in the field, dictates that we examine our stewardship. In this last year, we have sought the Lord and investigated every aspect of our ministry in house in order to make it more efficient and more beneficial to the churches and missionaries on the field. We desire to be structured in a way that allows us to properly aid all we partner with.

Our main initiative is to continue to advance the Great Commission through the support of indigenous churches and their missionaries. However, to accomplish this goal, the sending indigenous church, the indigenous missionary, and HeartCry must understand and faithfully execute their responsibilities.

The Sending Indigenous Church (Partner) – The sending church and its leadership is responsible for: (1) the oversight of the missionary’s training, selection, and ordination; (2) the oversight of the missionary’s wellbeing, doctrine, ethics, and ministry on the field; (3) maintaining clear and professional accounting records; (4) maintaining regular communication with HeartCry; and (5) ensuring that the missionary maintains communication (monthly updates) with HeartCry.

The Indigenous Missionary — The indigenous missionary is responsible for: (1) faithfully carrying out the duties of your calling with humility and integrity. (2) maintaining fellowship with the sending church as a faithful minister of Christ; and (3) monthly written reports to HeartCry’s regional coordinator.

HeartCry Missionary Society — HeartCry is responsible for: (1) supplementing the sending church with the necessary resources (finances, resources, training, etc.) for the support and enablement of their missionary on the field; and (2) maintaining an open-door policy of communication with the sending church and their missionary.

It is extremely important for all parties to understand that HeartCry's does not seek to send out its own indigenous missionaries, but to support local churches as they send out their indigenous missionaries. The missionary is accountable to the church, and the church is accountable to oversee His missionaries. Both the church and her missionaries are accountable to HeartCry only in the sense that we are partnering together in the Great Commission.

As your partner in the gospel, HeartCry hopes to facilitate greater communication with the churches and missionaries on the field. To accomplish this goal, HeartCry must further divide the areas of the world where we work into clearer and distinct geographic regions. As we are structured now, we have several coordinators who are working in several regions of the world. This has proved to be difficult as we continue to expand. Restructuring the regions will require that we employ a greater number of coordinators and possibly reassign the coordinators who are presently working with us. As the regions are defined, it means that it is possible that a different coordinator may oversee your area. Although change can be difficult, we assure you that we will only select those men to be coordinators who are elder-qualified and burdened for your unique region of the world. At the moment, we are seeking God in prayer so that He will assign "His man" to act as "your servant" in your region. As the Apostle Paul writes, "For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake" (II Corinthians 4:5). We are currently looking at going forward with seven major regions: North America, Latin America, Europe, Middle East, Africa, South Asia, and Southeast Asia.

It is very important for us to communicate to you that our future goal is not only to advance the gospel into regions unknown but also to provide greater communication, training, and resources in the regions where we are currently working. We want you to know that the HeartCry region coordinators are more than administrators of financial needs. They are men who know and love the Scriptures and men of prayer. They meet every morning for prayer, petitioning the Lord on behalf of the glory of Christ, and the good of His people. In the days ahead, we hope to send out a link giving you the opportunity to join this meeting. In addition, they are also available to provide counsel, encouragement, and training whenever the need arises, whether remotely or in person on the field. Although the HeartCry coordinators cannot and should not take the place of your sending church and its pastors, they are available to serve you in conjunction with your sending church. Please take the liberty to reach out to your regional coordinator in any and every matter.

In closing, we pray that God might encourage your hearts with the knowledge of Christ and strengthen you with His might as you labor in the harvest. Very soon, we will all be gathered together before the Throne of Christ. On that day, those who sowed and those who reaped with rejoice together. As Jesus promised:

"Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together." — John 4:36

In Christ,

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