

July 2020 Update

RICH AND JULIA
FREEMAN



Shalom from Florida! At the time of the writing of this letter, about a month in advance of your receiving it, we continue to be in the middle of the coronavirus pandemic. Our ministry is still shut down and we continue working remotely out of our homes, although we are hopeful that our office will have reopened by the time you receive this. In spite of the difficult times we are living in, Julia and I rest in the goodness of the Lord and pray you are able to do the same. We recently celebrated our forty-seventh wedding anniversary and I have to tell you that the saying, “time flies when you’re having fun,” describes our married life.

I have spent a lot of time looking at the many admonitions in the Scriptures to not be afraid. The statement is made over three hundred times. The interesting point to this is that very often, when we’re told not to be afraid, God reminds us that He’s with us. One of the more interesting verses is found in Judges 6:12-13, the story of Gideon. *“The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, “The Lord is with you, O valiant warrior.” Then Gideon said to him, “O my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us?”* Though Gideon would win a great victory for Israel in the future, his initial response to God is similar to people today. He was viewing God through his circumstances. If God is with us why are we in the midst of a coronavirus? View these circumstances through God and ask Him what He wants you to learn through this difficult time. I pray you would find comfort and rest in Him.

Lastly, our family continues to do well and are all healthy and virus free. As far as we know only one person in our ministry has had the virus, although some in the ministry have lost family members and friends. We praise God for you, our partners in ministry, without whom we couldn’t do what we do. Through this difficult time we pray for your safety and health, and your continuing support of our ministry.

Yours for the peace of Jerusalem,

Rich & Julia

Rich and Julia Freeman

August 2020 Update

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Shalom from Florida! At the time of writing of this letter, more than a month in advance, we continue to be in the middle of the coronavirus pandemic. Our office is still shut down and we continue working remotely out of our homes, and it doesn't look at this point that we're going to be back in our office before September. In spite of the difficult times we are living in, Julia and I rest in the goodness of the Lord and pray you would be able to do the same. A verse that has been particularly meaningful to me during this time is Philippians 4:13, "*I can do all things through Him (through the Messiah) who strengthens me.*" Even when you feel as though you just can't go on, Yeshua, Jesus, is there for you, to give you the strength to press on and be victorious.

Recently, I have been reading through the book of Numbers, particularly the part where the Israelites refused to believe that God was able to provide for all of their needs and eventually bring them into the promised land. Despite the fact that the Israelites saw God miraculously deliver them from bondage in Egypt, part the Red Sea and deliver them from the Egyptian army, and supernaturally provide for all of their needs in the wilderness, Israel was not able to believe God is able. My hope and prayer during this difficult time is that we would have the strength of faith to believe that God is able.

Our family continues to do well and are all healthy and virus free. We recently received the wonderful news that we are going to be grandparents again in late December. This will be grandbaby number 7. We would appreciate your prayers that the pregnancy would go well, and this baby would be born healthy and grow up to be a thriving woman of God. Yes, it's a girl!

We praise God for you, our partner in ministry, without whom we couldn't do what we do. Through this difficult time we pray for your safety and health, and your continuing support of our

ministry. Please let us know how we can be praying for you.

Yours for the peace of Jerusalem,

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Rich and Julia Freeman

September 2020 Update

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FREEMAN



Shalom from Florida! At the writing of this letter, more than a month in advance, we continue to be in the middle of the coronavirus pandemic, with a significant uptick in cases and deaths in our state. Naturally, our office is still shut down and we continue working remotely out of our homes, and it doesn't look likely at this point that we're going to be back in our office before Labor Day. In spite of the difficult times we are living in, Julia and I rest in the goodness of the Lord and pray you would be able to do the same.

A verse that has been particularly meaningful to me during this time is Philippians 4:6-7, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Paul encourages us not to be anxious for anything and gives the reason why in the previous verse, "The Lord is near." My prayer for you is that in the midst of this pandemic the fact that the Lord is near, close by, in close proximity, is coming soon, will enable you not to be afraid or anxious. He knows what we're dealing with and will enable us to be victorious through it.

Lastly, our family continues to do well and all are healthy and virus free. We would ask that you especially keep our children and grandchildren in East Asia in your prayers through this difficult time. Also, as I shared with you previously we are going to be grandparents again in late December. Please keep our daughter-in-law, Joanna, who lives here in South Florida, in your prayers as she had a particularly difficult delivery the last time she gave birth.

We praise God for you, our partners in ministry, without whom we couldn't do what we do. Through this difficult time we pray for your safety and health, and your continuing support of our

ministry. Please let us know how we can be praying for you as well.

Yours for the peace of Jerusalem,

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