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Merry Christmas

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Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas and a joyous holiday season to you and your family! During this time of year we remember how God sent His only Son to earth. It is my prayer He will reveal Himself to you in a very dynamic way this Christmas.

How quickly another December reminds us of the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. So many have sustained Integrity Ministry in proclaiming this Good News to millions in 2008. Our agenda for 2009 is positively bursting with new initiatives and ministry opportunities. Yet we also face one of the most daunting challenges of our history.

We have been informed that our Christian hosting service will be closing this month. Integridad.com is a gigantic force for Good News on the Internet. Well over a million core users come to this site each month for spiritual help and encouragement. I believe God is raising up partners to help conserve this ministry important to tens of thousands.

We are in need of an immediate \$5,000 to resolve this challenge. If just 50 people would give \$100 we could announce to the world that our partners care. One thing is certain: we must act now.

Through your year-end gift to our ministry, thousands will continue to be strengthened, tens of thousands will be encouraged, and millions will be affected by the message of Good News. What a celebration in Heaven when we all celebrate what God has done through you partnership.

We love you and appreciate you all so much. Thanks in advance for your response right now that will seal a great victory. May the peace and joy of Christmas fill your hearts and homes now and throughout the coming year!

Your partners and fellow servants,

Jim & Lina

Jim & Lina Thurston



P.S. In spite of all the circumstances around us, we can be confident that God has a plan. And as believers, the plan involves each of us. Only with your help can Integrity Ministries continue to offer the message of God's peace to an unstable world. It's by our faithful giving in uncertain times that you become a part of God's plan this Christmas.

**"Thanks be to God for His
incredible gift."**

2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV

Ministry Update



A Seed Sowed 38 Years Ago Comes to Fruition

Late October, on a bus to a leadership retreat, I was approached by a woman. She said, "I know you, but you probably don't know me. Thirty eight years ago, for the first time in my life, I walked into a small Protestant church. You were speaking and said, 'if you want to receive Christ why not pray this prayer right now tonight.'"

I prayed that prayer and invited Christ into my life and my life has been changed since that day. I just wanted to let you know what God did in my life. I was a heavy chain smoker and when I returned home, I no longer had a desire to smoke. God transformed me and I have been part of the church since that day."

What a blessing to hear stories like these where the Lord is impacting people.

New National Holiday for the Evangelical Church in Chile

After two years, the Chilean Congress voted unanimously to pass a bill that would introduce a national Protestant Holiday. Lina and I have been participating in ecclesiastical committees to help create public policy for the bill. The Chilean President invited us to be present when she signed the bill into law. I believe Chile is the first country in the world to have a national Evangelical Church holiday. The government recognized the work the church has done throughout the years in the process of changing the spiritual and moral fiber of the country.



Jim & President Michelle Bachelet at the signing of the Evangelical holiday

Impacting Lives Through the Internet Continues Strongly

We continue to use the Internet and emerging technologies to bring people to Christ. Our Website Integridad.com is using technology and tools to bring the mission field to the doorsteps of individuals with the Internet. We help those who want to become Christians, rededicate their life, or are still seeking answers to tough questions. We provide prayer, guidance and direction for discipleship.



Our ministry just came back from our yearly Global Christian Internet Alliance conference in San Antonio TX. The Alliance consists of 24 of the largest Christian online media ministries and organizations from around the world. The Alliance president, and one of our ministry reference Board members, Keith Stonehocker gave some interesting statistics. He said, "As members, our combined monthly traffic statistics consists of 19 million unique users and over 76 million pages of content read each month this past 2008."

In simple terms this translates into millions hearing about Christ monthly and being built up in the faith. Our site growth has been tremendous and we thank the Lord for this great opportunity to share the Gospel through this medium.

Integrity Ministries Once Again Receives International Award

Our music website won the ARPA Award from the Spanish National Christian Academy of the Arts for the third time. We are proud of the work and resources put forth in this online tool and share in the joy that your investment in this ministry continues to be recognized for its outreach endeavors.

Lina's Health

Lina's medical condition started at the beginning of 2008, and in August while getting key tests at the Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle she was diagnosed with Bulbar ASL. Her condition seems to be deteriorating little by little, but she is in good spirits and continues to carry a full ministerial load even though it is difficult for her to talk at times. She is under the care of a nutritionist, neurologist and speech therapist in Chile. She would appreciate your prayers.

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following prayer requests in mind:

- Keep Lina in your prayers for her health.
- That we can receive the necessary funding to purchase a new server for our flagship website Integridad.com.
- Safe travels for our furlough back to the United States between March to May 2009 and that the Lord will supply a vehicle for transportation and a place to stay in the Bremerton area.
- That we can replace our well-worn vehicle soon as it is needed for both family and ministry transportation.