

Dear Supporters of Jim and Lina Thurston:

In the nearly 27 years that Son of Man's Mission has been in existence, God has blessed us with periods of tremendous growth and development, enabling us to expand and refine our outreach of changing lives one person at a time. As I look back over the many years, there is no explanation for this ministry other than this: God is faithful. In answer to prayer and the leadership of a dedicated board of directors and staff, God has blessed us with many lives changed for eternity.

Since the beginning of our mission, we've been quietly and obediently doing what God has asked us to do and this has brought us much blessing. We have been working with inmates in the Washington jails and prisons and our world wide outreach though our Spanish Internet and video ministry in Chile has reached millions. Our knowledge of how God is moving has brought us much joy and our families and friends have benefited from this tremendously.

Even though we are receiving great blessings, our mission will soon be going through a transitional period. I have been the President, since the founding days of the ministry and I am nearing 70 years old. Along with my wife, who has served as the SOMM treasurer for many years, we will be soon retiring for health reasons. In preparation for our departure we are assisting Jim and Lina as they continue to develop their international ministry.

In Jim's and Lina's case, the Lord has orchestrated a more than suitable and wonderful alternative with the same goals, purpose, vision, and statement of faith. Jim and Lina will continue to work in Chile as missionaries doing what they do now, and there will be no changes to their existing projects and evangelistic outreach. We have recognized, with Jim and Lina's approval, Integrity Ministries. It is a sister organization that will continue the administrative duties we have performed in the past in the offices of Son of Man Mission.

Over the last four years, God has been paving the way for this transition. Jim's ministry has enhanced its effectiveness in reaching and impacting lives for Christ through a strategic alliance with Integrity Ministries (Integridad Network Inc.). Integrity Ministries is a non profit, tax exempt organization under IRS guidelines. Over the years, our

alliance with them has helped both ministries grow tremendously. Operationally we are now essentially identical.

The Board of Directors of Integrity Ministries have been doing a superb job of leading the mission and are thrilled to have Jim and Lina as full-time missionaries. The Board of Advisors of this mission include Dr. Luis Palau of the Luis Palau Evangelistic Association, Dr. Josh McDowell of Josh McDowell Ministries and Keith Stonehocker, Executive Vice President of R&D for Christianity Today International (the organization that prints Christianity Today magazine.) These Christian leaders are providing spiritual coverage for Jim and Lina and I can't think of another group more qualified than these individuals to oversee Jim and Lina's ministry.

Your continued personal support for Jim and Lina's ministry in Chile through this new mission is essential. They are continuing to respond to the urgent needs of the day of reaching into the whole world to "Seek and Save the Lost". You can be confident your investments in their ministry will have even a greater impact in the future. I pray that you will joyfully honor God's will and bless them with your continued support.

Son of Man's Mission has enthusiastically endorsed the transfer of equipment and administrative responsibility to our sister organization, Integrity Ministries. Jim continues in his capacity as the *International Director*. This is a time of great joy and we pray this will be a blessing for everyone.

My wife and I will be retiring on December 31, 2005. Yet I ask that you begin sending your gifts, on behalf of the Thurston's, to <u>Integrity Ministries</u> before the cut off date of November 1. Please find enclosed an envelope with the address of Integrity Ministries, which is continuing the administrative work of *Son of Man Mission*.

If you have any questions at any moment or would like to chat with me regarding what God is doing, please by all means give me a call at my home at (360) 697-6451. I'm enthusiastic and confident about this and I believe you are also. Included with this letter you will find detailed information about *Integrity Ministries*.

Thank you for all your support and faithfulness to Son of Man's Mission and may God richly bless you.

In Christ.

Russell Swank

President



October 21, 2005

Dear Missionary Committee,

The President of Son of Man's Mission and his wife Ardis will soon be retiring and this will affect the mission's international ministry to the point that it will cease. By now you should have received a letter from Russell Swank detailing his retirement and the changes that have occurred.

Since 2000, you have been hearing through our newsletters about our Internet ministry and the impact it has had around the world. You have also seen how we have combined it with television to disciple people and bring others to Christ. We have responded to the need of Christian programming and exchange of ideas and the results have been nothing less than astounding. With the growth of television and Internet outreach, Integrity Ministries was started to combine both of these efforts as one medium. I have been involved with it on a limited basis for more than five years. Due to Son of Man's transition, I am now working as a full time missionary with Integrity Ministries.

My position with Integrity Ministries is International Director for Ministry Development. I will continue serving in the same way as we have operated the past two decades. All the equipment, and money that you have given to Son of Man's has been turned over to Integrity Ministries so we can continue doing God's work. Integrity Ministries is a non profit, tax exempt organization under IRS guidelines in the state of Pennsylvania and I am glad to say that the board of reference has such outstanding world renown Christian leader such as Luis Palau, Josh McDowell, Mike Shields and Keith Stonehocker of Christianity Today.

The ministry God has given us in the country of Chile has grown and will prosper even more. For the past 40 years we have seen explosive growth that is a direct result of your investments. Literally thousands of people have come to Christ, received discipleship training, or have found much needed direction as a result of your faithful giving.

Our goals are clear. We are a pro-active, Bible believing, scripturally driven organization dedicated to ministry at every possible level. Lina continues to conduct national and international events that are profoundly impacting thousands of people. These are exciting times in the history of our ministry. We commit to you our continued best energies, our greatest creativity, and high sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Sprit to carry on. We are privileged to be your partners in fulfilling the Great Commission. Count on us to do it with Integrity!

You are more important today than ever as partners and stakeholders in this exciting culture of exploding media for the masses. The feedback we receive is confirmation that God is blessing this effort.

Thanks for your continued monthly support, your prayers, and your partnership which reaches into tens of thousands of people each day across the world.

We want to thank the Swanks for all their years of service they have given and we extend our continued prayers to them in their retirement.

Love,

Jim + Lina

All gifts should be sent to: Integrity Ministries 819 Dilworth Lane Collegeville, PA 19426