With great enthusiasm, I greet you in the MIGHTY name of the LORD. I pray the HE shines on you with GRACE & LOVE & that it is WELL WITH YOUR SOUL. I rejoice in the fact that JESUS ALONE is the still point in a convulsing world. As we read & hear about the horrible things happening in the world, we are seeing the quicksand upon which our world is built. Even though our world is coming unzipped with all the terrorist evil atrocities, wars & evil lurking, every BELIEVER in the LORD JESUS CHRIST need not despair. We must PRESS ON for HIS glory, showing ourselves as true SOLDIERS of the KING OF GLORY. He is STILL the absolute SOVEREIGN ruler of the universe.

October was another fruitful month of ministry with 20 services harvesting over 300 souls. Also played my last softball tournament this year in Las Vegas. We went undefeated & won the world championship, with each teammate getting a $450 ring. I made the All- tournament team, hitting the only 2 home runs on our team, 2 triples, 5 doubles & drove in 18 runs in 6 games, playing short-stop. Sure was hot (over 100 each day).

Iím in preparation to go to Hong Kong for 3 days & Taiwan for 2 weeks of ministry with Pastor Bruno Caporrimo & his wife Lydia. They have ministered in Taiwan 20 times. He had me minister at his church on Sunday the 24th evening service. I also preached the morning service that day at the Long Beach Rescue Mission for longtime friend & brother in the LORD, Mike Merritt. He & his wife have been a real blessing to me the past 12 years. The services at the Union Rescue Mission were heavily oppressed by the devil, but GODíS WORD in JESUS NAME prevailed. The services at the L.A. Mission & Fred Jordan Mission were all well attended with large harvests, as were the services for the Spiritual Growth Program

As always, there were scores at the Chino Womenís service who never forgave themselves. This is a crucial issue to address. FORGIVENESS is the key to healing. FREEDOM & LIBERATION follow. Unforgiveness is a prison. Speaking of prisons, did you know that every day in America, where 2.1 million are incarcerated, some 1600 people will leave state & federal prisons. Most will start their journey with ìgate moneyî (from $20 to $200), a one-way bus ticket & little else. Many will be drug abusers who received no treatment for their addiction while on the inside & high school dropouts who took no classes & acquired no job skills. A lot of them will be sick; rates of TB, HIV & hepatitis C are considerably higher among prisoners than in general population. Only about 13% will have participated in any kind of pre-release program to prepare them for life outside. As a result, prison sentences have grown longer while prisons have become places where nothing is done to reprogram criminals for the life outside and 93% of them return. Sad but true! There are some facilities that I have ministered in for many years & so many have said to me, ì Brother Mel, I donít know what Iíll be able to do on the outside, Iím scared ì. Again, this month brought scores of calls for prayer from those with heartache, heartbreak, sickness, disease & debts. Some are facing very difficult situations. Have you ever found yourself wishing you could see your circumstances from GODíS viewpoint?

As our LORDíS birthday nears, perhaps Mary felt this way while standing in the

presence of GODíS heavenly messenger. In Luke 1:29, the BIBLE says, ìshe was very perplexedî at Gabrielís words. Yet, she listened with an open heart. ìHow can this be?î asked Mary after GOD revealed to her that she would give birth to HIS SON. This was a crucial moment for Mary because it disclosed the level of her FAITH in GOD. This is ALWAYS my encouragement to those who call me , to STAND on HIS WORD & in FAITH, TRUST HIM. (Ps. 91:1-2).

There was no way Mary could understand fully the reason for CHRISTíS birth. Even if GOD had rolled back the coverings of heaven so she could look inside, she would have remained perplexed. Though she loved GOD, she did not have the spiritual capacity to understand GODíS redemptive plan. In Isaiah, GOD reminds us that HIS ways are PERFECT; HIS thoughts INFINITE. Ours are earthbound & limited. GOD KNEW OUR NEED for a SAVIOR. The way HE chose for this to take place was through FAITH & OBEDIENCE. ALL wisdom begins with GOD, but it is our RESPONSIBILITY to apply HIS TRUTH & WORD to our lives. Maryís response to Gabrielís words was simple, heartfelt & FAITH FILLED. ìI am the LORDíS servantÖmay it be to me as you have saidî (Like 1:38 NIV). By FAITH, Mary believed that GOD loved her & would NOT place her in harms way. This is the same kind of FAITH GOD desires from us in our storms of life. WE TRUST HIM because we believe that HE LOVES us with an everlasting LOVE (Jer. 31:3).

The most important decision we must make in our trials & tribulations is to TRUST HIM (Ps. 2:12B & Naham 1:7). By FAITH, we give our lives to CHRIST & through FAITH, we make a commitment to FOLLOW HIM (Luke 9:23), because like Mary, we TRUST the ONE who is guiding us (Ps.32:8). Even when life brims with sorrow, disappointment or feelings of rejection & heartbreak, GODíS WISDOM REMAINS TRUE & PERFECT. Time & study of HIS WORD have taught us that our deepest needs are satisfied ONLY through a personal relationship with JESUS CHRIST. Though the challenges of life press hard against us, we know that GOD holds the VICTORY, & HE will lead us to a place of tremendous BLESSING & ETERNAL REWARD. GOD will NOT disappoint you. HIS wisdom is ALWAYS available (James 1:5), and HE promised (II Cor. 1:20) never to abandon you (Matt. 28:20 ; Hebrews 13:5 ; Deu. 31:6)

Until next month, LORD BLESS YOU & to you who sent a LOVE offering, I PRAISE HIM & THANK YOU.

In His Majestyís Service,

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