GRACE & PEACE to each of you from GOD the FATHER & our LORD JESUS CHRIST, our soon coming KING. I trust that in spite of any adversities or afflictions (Ps. 34:19) you may be experiencing, you can still SHOUT, ìPRAISE THE LORD.î HE is the ANCIENT of DAYS who is WORTHY of our PRAISE. PRAISE brings healing: spiritually, mentally, emotionally & physically. Thatís what Iím doing right now as I write, & all weekend because of pain. PRAISING the LORD gets me through the day. Some have asked me ìwhere , so I can pray for you.î Left knee (level 4 tear), lower back (spondylolisthesis) , right shoulder (pro baseball injury & surgery), neck (karate injury) & right elbow. You who pray for me are ALL close to my heart & I cannot thank you enough. However, whenever Iím preaching a sermon, there is NEVER painÖ anywhere. P.T.L.!!!

After having 32 services in August, I rested on Sept. 2nd, 3rd & 4th which energized me. September had 21 services that brought in over 300 souls to the kingdom. Please throw up some extra prayers for me as I leave on September 28 for the Washington & Oregon Ministry trip, coming back late on October 11th. There are four penitentiaries where I minister, starting with Walla Walla Penitentiary, plus four churches. Iíll be doing a 4- day revival at the Kennewick Church of the Nazarene, Highway Tabernacle, Assembly of God & Morning Star Baptist Church. There are 20 services set up . Iíll be staying again with Bob & Helen Hagen who have lovingly blessed me each of the 4 times I was there. All of the mission services this month were full , especially the two Long Beach Mission services. The first Tuesday service at the L.A. Co. Jail & the first Wednesday L.B. Rescue Mission brought in some 90 souls who prayed the Sinners Prayer. It has been scorching hot here & most chapels do not have air-conditioning, but we endured. The Word of God <u>always</u> does that. The jail services at L.A. Co. & Chino were especially blessed. It is still startling for me to see how many 19-21 year olds are facing life or double life sentences. CHOICES!

September is always a most difficult month because of the 11th that brings back the memory of experiencing a litany of emotions: shock, disbelief & horror, followed by grief, mourning & <u>anger</u>. I think of all those thousands of lives that were lost. Our beloved country has lost some of our freedom, some self confidence & certainly have lost a way of life . I pray for our country, our leaders & our armed forces DAILY. Iíve been to other countries & none can compare to USA & never will .America, the land that I love, rightly described in the past as the land of the free & the home of the brave is, today, in a moral & spiritual ìfree fallî. GODLY foundations are not cracked; they are crumbling all around us. Our beloved country is like a bowl of summer fruit, rotten, decaying , smelling & RIPE FOR JUDGEMENT. As a nation, we are a modern , sophisticated, prosperous, highly scientific Sodom & Gomorrah. It is with a heavy heart that I write such things. But it is true when measured against the DIVINE STANDARD, & it is the DIVINE STANDARD that really matters.

America stands at the crossroads of the 21st century. The direction we take will determine what type of nation our children & grandchildren will live in. To help you understand what is at stake, allow me to give you a quick timeline of the rise & decline of the CHRISTIAN influence in our great nation:

<u>1620:</u> The pilgrims land at Plymouth Rock, bringing with them a FIRM BELIEF in religious liberty & the infallibility of GODíS WORD (II. Tim. 3:16).

<u>1787</u>: The United States Constitution is framed by DEVOUT CHRISTIANS. In fact 53 out of 55 of the founding fathers were orthodox evangelists whose godliness laid the foundation for 200 years of <u>blessings</u> & <u>prosperity</u>. <u>1920</u>: The tide begins to turn. Atheist John Dewey introduces humanistic values into Americans public schools. <u>1947</u>: Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black pronounces a ìwall of separation between church & stateî, (a phrase found <u>NOWHERE</u> in the Constitution), & sets the stage for a series of legislative rulings that chip away at Americaís biblical foundation.

1962: Prayer is banned from schools. 1963: The Bible is banished from schools. 1973: Abortion is legalized. 1980: The 10 Commandments are removed from schools, courthouses & other public places. The movement is CLEAR! There has been an organized campaign to remove GODíS TRUTH from our society & the devil is behind it all. Since 1980 abortion surged & the homosexual agenda continues its relentless advance. A nation that is NOT ìunder GODî is under judgment; but ALL IS NOT LOST. We can ALL be a part of ìGOD healing our landî by simply being GODíS salt & light in our society. We must take a STAND based on the principles & values in GODíS WORD. (Matt. 5:13). If we make the effort to stand up for Christian Principles, I believe GOD will hear our cry. (Ps. 107:6, 13, 19, 28; Ps. 34:15-18; Ps. 30:2). GOD will return our nation to HIS principles. HE WILL HEAL OUR LAND. (II Chron. 7:14). P.T.L.

Until next month, may GOD BLESS YOU, & to you who sent LOVE offerings, a 100-fold return.

In His Majestyís Service,

Mel Novak