

Dear Friends:

December 18, 2006

As we close out 2006 and welcome in 2007, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. As we reflect back on the year 2006, we praise the Lord for His continued faithfulness. We have much to be thankful for:

1) For His unchangeable love, grace and faithfulness. Last August we began our 36th year of full-time prison ministry.

2) The love and support of my entire family, especially my wife of 47 years, not only during the good times, but also during the hard times and everything else in between.

3) The Lord sparing our one-year-old granddaughter, Ryeli's life after all the life-threatening complications following her open heart surgery. On January 31st, she is scheduled for (hopefully) just an angioplasty or worst case scenario, another open heart surgery. We would appreciate your prayers.

4) The privilege of ministering to literally thousands of active students who are completing our Bible courses in North America, Russia, Kazakhstan and other former Soviet Union countries located in the difficult and unreached 10-40 window.

5) Our great chaplaincy and office staff (over 30 co-workers) serving in Set Free Prison Ministries USA and Spiritual Freedom in Russia and also Kazakhstan. Special thanks to those who have served in the ministry for many years: *Bob Irvine* (15 years), our Vice President overseeing the US operations; *Priscilla Baker* (25 years), my secretary and administrative assistant; *Carol Costello* (18 years), our US office supervisor; *Alexey Tikhonov* (14 years), Vice President of Spiritual Freedom Russia.

6) Our special daughters living at our Discipling Center in Almaty, Kazakhstan and their amazing conversions and spiritual growth. We deeply love them. Special thanks to Monika Vorbuchner of Germany, as she pours her life into theirs 24/7.

7) For you and all our wonderful friends who pray and sacrificially give making this ministry to the needy and destitute possible.

8) Last but not least, at this Christmas season, we are most thankful to the Lord for His unspeakable gift – the Lord Jesus Christ, His sinless life, His substitutionary death and victorious resurrection and ascension - 2 Corinthians 9:15.

In closing, as we look forward to 2007, we can confidently face the challenges and unknowns, knowing with full confidence that the Lord is both faithful and unchanging - Heb. 13:8. I have on my desk a plaque that says, "Don't worry about tomorrow (or 2007 for that matter) for God is already there!" Thanks again. Please continue to remember us and the needs of the ministry in your prayers. May the Lord greatly bless you and your loved ones in this coming New Year.

Because He lives,



Phil Wagner