



CROSSIN' THE GULF MINISTRIES CHURCH

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Dear Partner,

Hello Partners and Friends, grace and peace to you. We pray this letter find you in health, peace, and enjoying the goodness of God.

We are excited to announce our new website is now live! Check us out at www.crossinthegulf.org (notice there is not a "g" in "crossin"). Shout out to Brandan Eckhardt for his time and labor of love in building the new site. You'll find information about our history, staff, outreaches and ways to connect with us. As well, we launched our blog *The Sweet Life*, which is located on our website.

This month we are hosting in-person partner meetings to share the vision for the ministry and work in Belize, as well as our commitment to you as a partner. For those outside Houston or who cannot make the meetings, we will host a Zoom meeting tentatively September 10th. We will identify a time later this month. If you're interested in joining our Zoom meeting, text Melissa at 281-384-3436 to be placed on the list.

What's on our hearts x this month to encourage you is to be remind you of the goodness and faithfulness of God **even in the midst of famine and supply chain shortages**. Philippians 4:19 (NKJV) *And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus*. When we give our lives to Jesus and make Him Lord, we become children of God (John 1:12). Every good Father provides for his children, and God is a good Father. What we need to do is also recognized Him as our Source; not a source but THE Source. And He is an unlimited Source of supply, even in the midst of famine and shortages.

In Genesis 26, we find Isaac living in a time of famine in the land. During that time, The Lord gave him explicit instructions of what to do. He told him to stay in the land he was in and Isaac sowed in the land and reaped 100-fold in that very same year – in the middle of a famine! Verses 12-13 tell us "and the Lord blessed him." ¹³ The man began to prosper, and continued prospering until he became very prosperous." When we follow what The Lord tells us to do, He'll put us in a place of provision regardless of circumstances.

What we have to recognize is that true prosperity is not only having our needs met but having more than enough to meet the needs of others and experiencing wholeness in our spirits, souls, bodies, relationships and finances. Just like Abraham, we are BLESSED to be a BLESSING. So what do we do in this day of shortages? Keep giving, keep expecting things to work out for you, and keep saying that things are working out for you. For years I've confessed, "I always have everything I need and more than enough", even when it looked at times like I didn't have anything. God always supplied the provision and showed me the way to go. Remember Abraham and the ram caught in the bushes? The ram seemed to come from nowhere but God provided it. He will do the same for you.

The Lord never intended for our jobs or families or other people to be our source. He uses our work or people to bring things to us, but they are simply channels or avenues that flow from The Source. When we take hold of that revelation, we take the pressure off others, including ourselves. The Lord declared He is Jehovah Jireh – the God Who Provides. He is not limited by what's happening in the world. When the world's ways don't work, His ways do!

We want to give you these scriptures to look up for yourself and study where God's provision is concerned. We believe they will build your faith and overcome fear:

Psalm 37:35 – The righteous provided for

Matthew 14:13 – 21 – Feeding of the 5,000

Philippians 4:19 – God shall supply

Ministry / Personal Updates –

- We have a new administrator who is coming on board to manage the Houston office. Welcome Tim Kelly to our team! Tim is a faithful member of the church we attend in Houston and has a strong heart for intercessory prayer and anointed to do administrative work.
- **Would you like to receive your Partner letter electronically? Let us know at:**
www.crossinthegulf.org/contact/contact-us/
- Jordan and I have our approval from the Belize government and will be moving down early October. We will keep you updated and appreciate your prayers for our move.

Remember, you are precious to us and we have you daily in our prayers. You can now send prayer requests and testimonies through our Real Help → Prayer Requests page or Contact → Testimonies page on our website www.crossinthegulf.org. We look forward to hearing from you.

Until next month, remember, your Heavenly Father loves you as much as He loves Jesus!

Be BLESSED!

With His Love,

Pastors Jordan & Melissa Mack

Psalm 23, **Psalm 91**, Isaiah 54:17, Ephesians 3:14-21, Exodus 3:21, Numbers 6:24-26, Ephesians 1:15-21

Has this letter BLESSED you? Pass this letter on to a family member or friend and be a BLESSING to them.