



**CROSSIN' THE GULF**  
MINISTRIES CHURCH

November 2022

Dear Partner,

Hello Partners and Friends, grace and peace to you. It's with great joy I sit to write this letter to you. The past few months have been on high-speed, and we are days away from our move to Belize. We planned to drive down October 31; however, The Lord woke Jordan up the morning of October 9<sup>th</sup> and told him to look up flights to go down. What a BLESSING it has been to have these extra days to finish up loose ends, spend time with friends and family, and rest. More on that in our Updates at the end of this letter.

We have entered the season of Thanksgiving. As you read that word, I am sure many of you have thoughts flood your mind with things you are thankful for. I also know there are those of you who may be struggling to think of one thing to be thankful for. Recently, I had the opportunity to pray for a young woman who felt like she could do nothing right and the devil was bombarding her with thoughts of worthlessness. The Lord had me tell her of the power of thanksgiving and the need to do it by faith.

You and I both know we don't always feel thankful. That's where faith in the promises of God comes in. In I Thessalonians 5:18, we are told "**in** every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Many quote that as give thanks **for** every thing. There is a vast difference. The dictionary defines 'in' as *the situation of something that is or appears to be enclosed or surrounded by something else*. Where, 'for' is defined as *having the purpose of*. When we are surrounded by a bad situation we can give thanks for God's promises when it seems there is no way out or nothing good can come from the situation.

Do you remember the Apostle Paul's words to Timothy? *Be anxious for nothing, but **in everything** by prayers and supplication, **with thanksgiving**, let your requests be made known to God: and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus* (Philippians 4:6-7 NKJV). Paul wrote that letter to Timothy while in prison and not just any prison. Paul was in the worst prison in the region located below the sewer below the palace. Yuck, yuck. He was in chains, there were rats, an unfathomable stench, and, yet, he was encouraging Timothy from inside that place! How could he do that? Jesus was with him. Just as Peter fixed his eyes on Jesus in the midst of the wind and the waves, Paul fixed his eyes on Jesus in the midst of the poop.

That's how powerful the promises of God are when we spend time searching them out in the Bible, meditating on them, and getting them in our ears and hearts. When we fill ourselves up with what The Father has to say about His victory for us, the situation becomes small in our eyes as His promises become bigger. Did the situation change overnight? Most likely not, but we did.

So back to the young lady I was praying for. After ministering these things to her, The Lord had me tell her to praise on purpose and especially when she didn't feel like it. He had me tell her to take her two arms and fling them up in the air behind her head like she was cheering at a football game and say, "Praise The Lord." He told her every time she did that she was smacking the devil in the face and it would stir up her joy. So let's get to it "PRAISE THE LORD!" (*hands in the air*)

### Ministry / Personal Updates –

- Jordan and I finished packing the house October 24 in time for the movers on October 25. Because of your generosity we are taking 100 Bibles and 50 salvation packages containing a book on who we are as a child of God, a pamphlet on How to Study Your Bible, and a bible reading plan. (see picture below)
- Our car started the journey through Mexico to Belize on October 29, and, as you read, we are now flying. We fly down Friday, November 4.
- Bishop Rene' and our crew have been intensely working on our home to get the electricity and plumbing in. We plan to rent my Aunt's house for two-and-a-half months, then move into the downstairs of our home while we continue working on the main house, which is upstairs (kitchen, laundry, main bedroom & living). We'll cook on the back patio with Jordan's new grill until the kitchen is completed. Believe with us to have our house completed by June 2023.
- We plan to come back to Houston January 14 to 31, 2023 for the Kenneth Copeland Ministers' conference and to purchase other items needed for the house. Then we'll start ministering in Belize February 2023. Meanwhile, we will be in prayer about how The Lord wants us to go about doing the ministry and observing the nation, as He told us to do.



As the Apostle Paul wrote, “I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy!”, we also do the same for you. If you have a specific prayer request or praise report, you can send those to us on our website or contact email listed at the bottom of this letter. Until next month (from Belize), 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.