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Supporters and friends of Nehemiah's Call
The Director's year end update letter

I recently received the latest CD from Kent Henry and on it is a compilation of instrumental tracks only. Some of the track titles are *new seasons*, *glimpse of eternity*, *revealed*, *skyview* and *rain refreshing*. I must admit I did not know what to expect on this CD. Looking back on this year I now see it to be one of transition into a new season.

Because of the subtle deceptions and apparent goodness of our culture I have come to realize that I need to be about my Father's business. Our family has been evaluating our commitments and priorities. We have been asked to slow down, cease our own pursuits and give God our complete attention in this new season. At Immanuel, our home congregation, we are reviewing the book *Experiencing God* by Henry Blackaby. As I look at the ministry of Nehemiah's Call we desire to experience God. I am seeing my specific role/purpose coming more into focus:

- To be a vessel available for prayer and intercession for the nations and others.
- See myself as more apostolic in that my life and gifts are to be poured out to and for others so they can fulfill their call and bring glory to God and not myself.
- Communicate to the body of Christ what season we are in and how to apply more sensitive words and revelations in confidential or specific briefings.
- Prepare some fresh research projects and lead prayer teams into unannounced locations this summer and into the future.
- Allowing and welcoming my tax/accounting practice Horizon Accountants for start up of not-for-profit organizations with potential ministry impact.
- Look closer at a North American ministry that combines prayer research and evangelistic messages in various cities. A blueprint is emerging for churches desiring to see the strongholds in our nation come to the light.
- Making myself available for one on one counsel, teaching and prayer for pastors and others sensing a new season and desire to join God where He is already at work.

Some of the highlights in our ministry in 2006:

- Extended to Jackson Okanya (brother of Nelson Okanya, Mennonite pastor) a grant for a semester of tuition at Daystar University in Kenya.
- Supported various members of Immanuel Mennonite Church with food, gas and medical expenses
- Provided monthly support to the Gorton family as they develop their ministry in San Isidro Costa Rica. Milford and Carolyn Lyndaker have worked closely with

them to plan to be self supporting. One key piece in this was the purchase of several goats to produce income.

- Milford (vice-president of the board) and Carolyn Lyndaker were sent during the month of August to spend time with the Gortons in Costa Rica and assist in developing a plan for future ministry.
- Lawrence continues to work with Mark Lehman in Immanuel Mennonite's monthly jail ministry where recently he preached and six responded in accepting Jesus as Savior. Many that evening responded for desire to see strongholds broken.
- Provided monthly support to Ron and Blanche Nyce who are working in establishing a meat packing facility in Montenegro. Ron continues to ready the facility for the export market and expanded production.
- Requested of Virginia Mennonite Board of Missions to put the call out to others to join in the work in Montenegro. Steve Steiner, businessman from Ohio and Willard and Eva Eberly spent time with Ron and Blanche Nyce this fall.
- Ron and Blanche Nyce and others through Nehemiah's Call are supporting one indigenous pastor with monthly support.

Opportunities in 2007:

- Due to the recent requests from Florida, Singapore, India and elsewhere we are in the process of transferring our New Wineskins teaching materials into PDFs so they can be accessed via our website.
- A new writing under the heading Eyes to See and Ears to Hear would appear each week on our website. The writing material will come from my notes, files and collections of Bible studies since 2002.
- Our website is www.nehemiahscall.org (web costs \$100 monthly).
- Support of a second indigenous pastor in Montenegro at \$550 a month.
- Support for Ron and Blanche Nyce includes food, gas, travel, Marco the language interpreter and rent for a total of \$2000 monthly.

Be sure to visit our website and look for the new series Eyes to See and Ears to Hear. If you want an update/teaching on what we are seeing these days you may request a special briefing.

Blessings in the harvest,

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