

RANSOMED HEART

LOVE GOD. LIVE FREE.

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Dear Friends, Allies-of-the-Heart,

First, a thank you. With all *my* heart.

Back in November I wrote you asking for your financial help, to support this mission of such beautiful and staggering implications—and you came through. Every year we live by faith at Ransomed Heart; we have no endowments, no ongoing grants. We get to the end of the year and only then do we know if all the support we need has come in. Yes, it has its unsettling moments; but for the most part we love living in a story where God must come through!

Pause on that thought for just a moment. Mankind is fiercely committed to *avoiding* scenarios where God must come through. From our reach for the Forbidden Fruit to the Tower of Babel to the latest Apple technology, the human race tries desperately to figure out a life we can control. Living by faith seems way too risky thank you very much; we'd rather find a stable situation, and hold onto God as a sort of backup plan. It doesn't work, of course; a life you control can't really be found. And Jesus invites us into a far better story, which includes a life where he must come through: "My righteous ones will live by faith" (Hebrews 10:38).

So thank you—thank you for the monthly support many of you send to us, and thank you for the gifts that come as Jesus moves you to give. We are so grateful. And those gifts are doing wonders.

There are so many things about Ransomed Heart that make this such a compelling, beautiful and miraculous story. A dangerous story, also, to be sure. Because we are fighting for the heart of all things—the human heart, the heart of God. Every human heart yearns for wholeness; our search for wholeness compels us all our lives. Yes, sometimes we try to numb the ache through our addictions, or kill it through resignation, but it never really goes away. We cannot escape our creation, or our brokenness. And only Jesus can make us whole. There is nothing that matters more than Jesus.

The tragedy of course is that our enemy has very successfully stained or stolen Jesus from millions of people. Either they starve without him, or they live with a "partial" or imitation Jesus. Creepy religious Jesus. The enemy doesn't really care; either way, they are not experiencing the life or the restoration or the mission that the true Son of God has for them.

We are passionately committed to ending that thievery in every life we can. Bringing Jesus as he really is, and the fullness of the healing and restoration he can bring. And every day on our Facebook page you can read stories of breathtaking redemption, because people from Chicago to Chiang Mai are finding Jesus and his Kingdom through our work. Just today we received a

beautiful gift of support with this simple note attached: “Because your teachings about the heart and God’s purpose in this world *changed my life!!*”

This is what it’s all about; this is what I want my life to be about...

I want to be an intimate ally of Jesus.

I want to bring God *as he really is* to as many people as I can.

I want to see his healing power truly restore hearts and lives.

I want to shatter dark strongholds and watch captives walk out free.

I want to bring as much of the beauty and reality of the kingdom of God to this hurting planet as I possibly can.

If your heart yearns for those things, too, you’ve come to the right place.

Because if you get to do that for a dozen souls in your lifetime, you are a wealthy person. If you get to do that for thousands, it is time to take your shoes off. (I just kicked my Birkenstocks off as I typed that.) If you get to be a part of doing this for *millions*—you have been swept up into something mighty and wondrous. A great move of God. And that is what is happening here. In part because of friends and allies like you.

So, this is my promised “I’ll-only-ask-occasionally” reminder that we really do need your support. We need your prayers. We need you to help us carry the message forward to your world. We need financial help, whatever you can do.

The plan is quite simple: Ask Jesus what he’d have you do.

Jesus—would you have me become a monthly supporter of Ransomed Heart? How much should I give?

Jesus—would you have me make a gift right now? For what amount?

You see, I trust him. I trust he’ll show you what to give. That’s the fun part—as we risk asking, and obeying, he leads us out beyond the normal into the wonder-filled. We get to play a vital role in the rescue of his precious ones.

So thank you, thank you for giving. You can do so online at ransomedheart.com, or through the enclosed return envelope. Thank you for being our allies!!

Love,


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