

Dear Friend,

I am writing this letter the week after our annual Power & Prayer Conference held at the Family Prayer Center here in Tulsa. In some ways, each Conference is much like a family reunion where we get to fellowship with our Christian brothers and sisters who we seldom get to see because they live in different states or in different countries. Not only do all of us enjoy the teaching that comes forth during the Conference, but we get to catch up on what God has been doing where they live.

This year we met a man from New Zealand we had never met before. It was his first time to attend a Conference. He had married a Brazilian woman about eleven years ago. She had grown up in a church in Brazil where pastor Dave Roberson used to minister each year. She had told her husband about the teachings of Pastor Dave and he fell in love with them. He has been following the ministry of the Prayer Center in Tulsa by way of the Internet for several years now.

I want to share his story with you because, believe it or not, you have played a major role in helping him continue to walk according to the truth. He told us that he lives in the northern part of the southern island that makes up New Zealand. It is a very rural area. He and his wife have a large ranch where they take care of hundreds of heard of sheep. It is hard work but very rewarding. The area is beautiful but quite remote, with no large cities nearby. He told me that the local churches are very small and, without trying to be judgmental, he said there is very little "life" in them.

He said a year or two ago, he heard of a new movement in his area and people seemed to be excited about a new revelation that was being taught there. It wasn't being taught so much in the churches, but in small meetings being held in people's homes, and so forth. Looking for a spark of "life" that seemed lacking in the local churches, he began attending the meetings of one of those small groups.

But listen to this ... because he had been listening weekly to the teachings that had been coming forth from the Prayer Center here in Tulsa, he was able to quickly identify that new "movement" as an old heresy that is currently being taught under the banner of "Radical Grace." In a nutshell it teaches ... God's grace did not set man free from sin ... God's grace simply covers man's sin while he continues his sinful lifestyle. That heresy was already being taught in the first century after the crucifixion of Christ, and it is still being taught today. The apostles John, Peter, Paul, Jude and others ... all taught against it. But many people today still fall for that same old heresy two thousand years later.

The man gave his testimony during the Conference and said, *"Gary, it was amazing. I would attend one of their meetings and I would hear what they taught. And then it seemed like the very next time I would hear you teach on the Internet, you would show from the scriptures exactly how what they taught was wrong. It was almost like, somehow, you were hearing in Tulsa what they were teaching in New Zealand, and came against the error immediately."*

No, it wasn't me hearing what they were teaching. It was the Holy Spirit who was "working all things together for good" in order for those who were hungry for truth to not be led astray by the false teachings of radical grace.

Think about it. A man who lives in a remote area of the southern island of New Zealand, a country I have never set foot on, was able to hear me teach the truth on a weekly basis by way of the internet.

What an age we live in. I am so humbled to live in this era of modern technology where such things are possible. It makes me wonder how many other people around the world are able to hear the truth and walk uprightly because they are hearing the messages the same way he did.

As you know, we make all of the messages free of charge. But trust me when I say, it is not without expense to produce and send those messages. We never talk about the expenses because God told us not to, but each of you know that electricity is not free, the internet domains are not free, the cost of computers, cameras, software and manpower to edit, upload, and post the messages are not free.

So how was our New Zealand friend able to hear it all for free? Because of you! All of you who pray for us and help us financially ... you are the senders that Paul wrote about in this passage,

Romans 10:14-15 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? (15) And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

I have no idea if my feet will ever stand on New Zealand soil. I may never get to go there in person, but because of your faithfulness to help us, you SEND the truth by way of the internet to New Zealand, and Australia, and Germany, and Ireland, and Brazil, and Africa, and Asia ... all over the world. We cannot thank you enough for all you do to help us cover the earth with truth of His Word.

Your friend and co-laborer,

GARY