

Greetings for a blessed 2009 Holiday Season!

2009 is quickly drawing to an end and we are projecting our strategy for 2010. The current year held many challenges; and we are grateful to the Lord for all His help, and to you for your prayerful and financial support, which resulted in an effective and productive year for Elijah House.

Our EH staff is working at maximum efficiency with minimum personnel. We are determined to do everything necessary to keep our doors open to provide help for hurting people around the world. Consequently, we all "tightened our belts" to keep reaching those in need when it became necessary to reduce salaries and employee benefits. But, we were willing to make the sacrifice because we have such a deep commitment to what God has called us to.

Like most other non-profits we are cutting our budget in every way possible. Currently we are considering downsizing our staff in the Prayer Ministry department; but with the demand for intensive prayer ministry weeks, interns, seminars and schools in 2010 and beyond, a staff reduction would seriously restrict our effectiveness. In fact, we really need to increase our staff in order to meet the needs!

During the last year we initiated the **goal to recruit 10,000 new supporters who will commit to pray and give at least \$5.00 a month** to make a difference for us here at Elijah House. Hundreds of you responded. One church has asked its members to "get on board" with us. They believe in the "giving principle" (Luke 6:38), and encourage everyone to keep tithing and still give an extra \$5 to help EH. It is truly wonderful and inspiring. Some family members have teamed up and challenged other family members to help. Thank you!

The reality is we still need more help. Your gift would help in a number of ways:

· In the late summer and fall of 2009 we processed requests for close to 100 new video facilitated schools; we added one new staff member to help with the growing demands in this department. We still need more help to produce more live schools closer to you and increase the facilitated schools in 2010.

· We have new resources almost ready to make available to the waiting public but with only one person in our Communications/Publishing department we are hamstrung to bring these vital projects to completion. We desperately need more personnel in this department.

· When we send teachers out to minister over seas to teach schools, seminars or for prayer ministry and mentoring, we ask the host to cover their travel and housing expenses and to give an honorarium to help offset some of the cost to EH. However, some countries cannot afford to bring our EH teams, so we must rely on donations from people like you who have a heart for missions in order to say "Yes" to some requests. India, Pakistan, Uganda, South Africa, Israel and others are still waiting for us to come!

Your gifts to Elijah House will enable us to accomplish our goals for the coming year. Will you prayerfully consider a one-time or ongoing gift to this ministry?

Please mail your gift to the address below, call us at 509-321-1255 ext 210 or log on to our website and click Donate.

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Please pray for these concerns:

- Wisdom for which invitations to accept and which ones to delay or decline
- Staffing needs
- Release of new products
- Unity among the team
- John and Paula are facing some challenges because of Paula's advanced Alzheimer's; John is strapped with a sizeable monthly expense over and above what their long term insurance covers to keep her in the Alzheimer's care facility. A benevolence fund has been set up through their church in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; if you are able to help you can find the church's address is at: www.heartofthecitychurch.org. Please include a note along with your gift that indicates "Paula's care" fund. Thank you! **(Please do not send your donations for John & Paula to Elijah House.)**
- Please pray for John's health, he is experiencing the early stages of Parkinson's disease, and currently has some respiratory trouble.
- After 20 years at Elijah House Mark Sandford is currently enjoying a sabbatical. He is working on a new book and would greatly appreciate your prayers.
- Pray for the sale of our building in the Spokane Valley so that we can move EH back to Idaho.

We are so grateful for each one of you. Your prayers and support of this ministry are a great encouragement to all of us.