

The Tyler Family



Reaching the World Through Brazil... Acts 1:8

Dear Prayer Partners,

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As we begin this new year, the Lord has already made us aware that it will be a challenging year. There is much to consider as our world is changing. Government is becoming more intrusive in our lives and regulating more of what we do. Materialism has taken a very strong hold on our world today. Every church is struggling. We are being ripped from simplicity into complexity.

Many think we are at the brink of a world war, yet there some still hold to hope as they see more conservative politicians being elected in a few countries. What is in store for us? Will there be changes that take us out of our comfort zone? Will the Lord tarry His return?

Truthfully, I could not answer these questions or many other questions you might face in the beginning of this year. Philosophizing will not solve the issue. Yet, one thing I can do. I can offer a promise from God's Word.

As I was reading I Corinthians 15:57, "*But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ,*" it dawned on me that the context of this victory is not earthly. We sow in corruption, in dishonor, in weakness, and all of this in our natural human body. Yet, the victory is not ours here in this world. We were never promised liberty from pain, sorrow, trials and tribulation on this earth. However, someday soon Christ will appear, and our mourning shall be turned into joy when we see the ONE who has given us the victory for all eternity over death, sin and hell.

The past two or three months have been a whirlwind for us. We have had joyous days rejoicing in the salvation of people we have worked with for years. The church is growing and attendance is steady in all three services during the week. We even purchased 20 more chairs for the church.

On the other hand, however, they have been very discouraging from a physical standpoint. It seems everything we own has given us trouble over the last few months. Every vehicle, computer, machine and device has given us trouble or cost us time and money to fix. Even our house has given us quite a bit of trouble and required maintenance that we did not expect for another 10 years. Changes and challenges in ministry, finances, health and family have bombarded us also over the past few months. Emotionally, it has been a rollercoaster ride and our efforts in many ways have been futile to solve these issues.

The above promise in I Corinthians has helped me much. Verse 58 encourages us to be steadfast and unmoveable. Knowing that our victory is in the resurrection, we can be steadfast. Knowing that Christ is with us and that ultimately the victory is His, we can press on!

Please pray for us. Your prayers are vital, your support is encouraging, and your faithfulness to the Lord helps us keep our focus where it should be. We desire to be used of God. The night is coming when no man will work. Yet, there is so much work to do. There are 15 cities within 175 miles of us that need churches and at least a dozen tribes that need missionaries. Pray for us! Pray for laborers! Look for the Lord's return!

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremy Tyler".

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