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Merry Christmas

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Time flies, but some months seem to move even faster! And the Christmas season seems like a sprint to the finish line of the year. Many good intentions get lost in the busyness of this season.

Great opportunities are crowded out by secondary choices. December could be such a memorable finishing touch, but too often it turns into a dismal rush that leaves us exhausted at year's end.

We pray this year will be an exception. God's Word never tells us to live in a hurry. We don't worship a frantic God. He has established a pace for living in the hours of the day and the seasons of the year. Rather than accept the timetable the world hands us, why not seek to live our days under God's timing?

Lets not reach the end of the year and say, "I just didn't spend much time considering the reason for the season this year again." We pray that for all of us, this month will hold some special moments of vivid experiences in Christ's presence. We need to see His glory! Let's dedicate this, His season, to Him.



Changing the Lives of People

As we rejoice in the amazing gift of God's Son, I was reminded about a special person. After serving the Lord for some fifteen years in Pakistan, Missionary

Warren Webster was invited to speak at a famous missionary conference. "If I had my life to live over again, I would live it to change the lives of people, because you have not changed anything until you've changed the lives of people."

Integrity Ministries is about 'changing the lives of people.' It happens everywhere we go. Daily, God is changing the lives of youth and young adults through your partnership. You are our co-laborers.

I was asked the other day, "Did you do something of value today? Because if you didn't, you wasted a whole day." All of us want to do something 'of value' each day because without it our lives are as Ecclesiastes describes "vanity of vanities." We all want what we do to count in time and eternity so our lives are made up of more than cleaning out the gutters, mowing the lawn, doing the laundry or driving the kids to just one more place.

**"Rejoice in the Lord always,
And again I say rejoice!"**

Philippians 4:4

Here at Integrity Ministries we pray that everyday is a day of destiny and great value for all who are a part of this ministry. The individuals we touch and impact are like soft clay receiving upon their lives the caring and experienced 'finger prints' of our staff and volunteers and everyone else who is on our leadership team.

The entire purpose of this ministry is to change people's lives and to give them the tools so that one day, they can turn around and make a difference in someone else's life. Here at Integrity Ministries, everyday is filled with activities of eternal value.

We pray that God will continue to bless you in all that you do in the days ahead and may He also help you do things of



great value so that not one day is wasted.

Your Partnership Counts

We are also truly thankful for your involvement in the mission to which the Lord has called us upon. I'm aware that the Christmas season often brings additional financial challenges to many of you. However, if, after completing your end-of-year accounting, you find that you have a little 'extra' left over that you might want to consider investing in this special outreach, we would love to hear from you. Rest assured that your gift will be carefully applied to the ongoing work of ministering to individuals in Jesus' name.

You have stood with us, prayed with us, sent us your gifts and offerings, and have conveyed words of encouragement as we relentlessly pursue our calling.

From the Integrity Ministries "family" to your family, please accept our best wishes for a joyous Christmas season and a Christ-centered New Year.

May God richly bless you and your family during this Christmas season, and may you be filled with the love, joy, and peace that only He can provide.

Warm Regards,

Steve Thurston
President
Integrity Ministries

Youth Leadership Convention

Mendoza, Argentina

We traveled to Argentina to participate in Youth Specialties annual youth leadership event where more than 4,000 thousand youth and young adult leaders came to receive personal growth in Christian leadership, development, Godly leadership principles and connecting with kindred-spirit students. For three days, we gathered with them at this conference in a common passion to know God and to make Him known.



Marcos Witt, renowned speaker and musician, shared about the importance of being a leader.



Hundreds of youth leaders waiting to enter the main conference center.

Through music, worship, fellowship, and teachings, 16-22 year olds participated in over 37 seminars, keynote and plenary sessions where they learned how to make their youth groups more effective and to equip themselves to reach more for Christ.

Distributing the Message to all Nations

A team of ten of our experienced staff and volunteers rented a bus and took the 6 hour trip to Argentina where we also video taped all of the messages and transferred them over to digital format to be served via the Internet to thousands of other Spanish-speaking youth leaders from around the world who were not able to attend this historic event. We were honored to serve them and serve alongside them.

Highlights included discipleship training, developing skills to communicate the Word of God, mentoring, stewardship, accountability and the power to make a difference in a person's life. Thousands made commitments to fulfilling the call of God on their lives as leaders to today's generation.

One of the greatest heart motivations is to discover leadership gifts in young men and women, and to help them reach their full potential in God.



Jim with several of our staff & volunteers as they get ready to start day two of the leadership conference.

2007 Highlights

During this past year, the following events and projects have taken place through Integrity Ministries and the missionary work of Jim & Lina Thurston:

- Reached an average of 389,000 thousand people each month over the internet with the life-changing Message of God.
- People viewed over 5.8 million pages a month on our evangelistic Websites.
- 3,171 thousand articles were published.
- Articles were read over 2,045,286 million times.
- Participated in eight music festivals, five concerts and three conferences, providing audio & video support.
- Three new part-time staff were hired to help out in the ministry.
- Four new volunteers joined our staff to provide assistance in our video, radio and Internet projects.
- Partnered with Josh McDowell Ministry to provide key content and tools to our constituents.
- Won the prestigious Premio ARPA for "Best Web Design" this past October for our music Website. This award was given by the Spanish National Academy of Christian Music and Arts.
- Organized three women's congresses with over 1,500 of them in attendance. They were ministered with vital Christ-centered information and resources.



Day three: Jim with volunteers Felipe and Marco at the editing table.



Thousands of youth leaders were ministered through this life-changing conference.

Impacting People Through Our Ministry

Working alongside Christian youth workers through seminars, conventions and conferences such as this one have allowed us to continue pursuing the purpose of Integrity Ministries.

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The Thurston Report

Warmest greetings from beautiful Chile!

God has been doing incredible things in Chile and all of Latin America.

Traveling to Washington State

During October and November of this year, I had the privilege to visit once again many friends and churches in the Seattle, Bremerton, Sequim and the Bellingham area. It was great to come back and share with many of you what we have been doing as a ministry in Chile as well as how your partnership with us has allowed us to continue bringing Light and Life to people across Latin America. Your support and prayers have helped us bring His Light to precious people.

Radio

Our audience continues to grow and the reports have been very encouraging about the impact our programming is having on people's lives. We are in the process of creating a second program where we will be sharing on key youth subjects and will be distributed to over 180 radio stations in Latin America.

Women's Conferences



Lina has been busy traveling to different cities around Chile through her women's conferences. She traveled south to Chiquayante as well as to Antofagasta which is 22 hours north of Santiago. Lina was able to be a great blessing over the women who attended as she spoke about repentance. She has also invested several months this year preaching, teaching, and pouring her life into women, seeing lives transformed by the power of God.

Important Visitors in 2008

Josh McDowell will be visiting with us early January to record several video programs in vital topics for youth and young adults. We will be recording over 8 programs for five days in a row. Please pray for this initiative as Josh shares these important teachings with us so we can distribute them via video and on the Internet. We also look forward for the opportunity of having other supporters come and visit us in Chile.

Matching Gift

We have a great opportunity for your special gifts toward a vehicle we are in desperate need. The value of your special gifts will be doubled through a donor's matching gift. For more information about this matching gift, please read the box to the right.

We love and appreciate you all so much. Please remember us and Integrity Ministries in your prayers and your financial giving as 2007 draws to a close. May the peace and joy of the true Christmas story fill your hearts and homes now and throughout the coming year!

In Christ,

Jim & Lina Thurston



Matching Gift

One of our faithful supporters has challenged us to raise funds that will be **matched** for a desperately needed van for our ministry work. Our existing vehicle no longer works and this supporter has agreed to match dollar for dollar funds raised through other donors and partners for replacing this broken down vehicle.

Can you help us out in taking advantage of this great opportunity by blessing us with an additional amount towards purchasing this vehicle? The total amount needed is \$13,000 which will be matched. Every gift, no matter how little, will allow us to reach this goal, making this purchase a reality via this matching gift.

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following prayer requests in mind:

- Keep Lina in your prayers as her health has not been well. She is currently having several tests done as we don't know what is causing her health problems.
- That the Josh McDowell recordings go as planned and that he can have a safe trip down to Chile.
- Our yearly staff and volunteer retreat is early February and we have a lot of preparation for this exciting event.
- That we can replace our broken down vehicle soon as it is needed for both family and ministry transportation.