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Dear Friends,

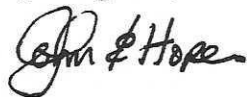
As I write today, America is celebrating our 250th Birthday, and the nations of the world are cheering their teams in the FIFA World Cup. There is much celebrating and the roar of the crowd when their team scores. As I observe the fireworks and the cheers of the nations, I could not help but think of the glorious reaction in Heaven over a sinner receiving Jesus as Savior!

I have often thanked you for your daily prayers as I minister in situations you know nothing about. Two weeks ago, I had the privilege of having the funeral of an unchurched friend that I had been witnessing to. As a result of the power of the Word ten people responded for salvation at the end of the funeral service. Heaven was rejoicing and I thank you for your faithful prayers as we partner together in this ministry! Please pray for these infant believers that the Holy Spirit will make their decisions very real in their lives!

The last two months have been full of service opportunities. In May I participated in two memorial services, one with the Indiana State Police and one with the Howard County Sheriff's Office. I also flew to the Sun Valley Baptist Church in Sun Valley, California, where I conducted a church security conference through our Church Strong Consultants ministry and preached on Sunday morning. In June, Hope and I celebrated 57 years of marriage and ministry together. We praise God for His faithfulness over the years! I also helped with our church's VBS and taught at the National Emergency Services Academy for Civil Air Patrol. Hope joined me as we represented Faith Baptist Mission at the annual GARBC Conference held this year at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio. We made many good contacts for the mission and for our ministry. Praise the Lord with us!

As we continue to move forward into 2026, I would like to challenge us to continue to join in the work of the Lord as He builds His house! I have reflected on the Providence of God in the founding of America, our marriage and ministry, and I am reminded of Solomon's instruction in Psalm 127:1 "Unless the Lord build the House we labor in vain." Praise God He is building and He is allowing us to participate in the work! Therefore, may God continue to use each of us for His glory as we partner in the work of the Lord! We labor not in vain!

By His grace,



John & Hope

Psalm 127:1

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