

Behold the Lamb Ministries

Hello dear friends and family,

Our Sanctuary has just completed being renovated. As far as possible, the colors and décor have been updated for the purpose of broadcasting our upcoming program on 3ABN. The work has been time consuming and tiring, but we believe it has been a blessing to us locally and will be to our future viewers. Much prayer for Godly direction went into the changes, and we certainly believe God has answered prayer. Just a few final touches are needed, including a few pieces of production equipment, before we may officially begin. Another blessing to this project, the Lord has sent two new people to learn camera operation! As we step out in faith, He is supplying the needs!

“And the hand of the Lord was with them...” Acts 11:21. We know the hand of the Lord is in this project. And we **pray that you will desire to be a part of this project through your earnest prayers and financial support.** We desire to fulfill all of verse 21 of Acts chapter 11, **“...and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.”** This is our call, this is our commission! We are to take this truth of the gospel into all the world (Mark 16:15). To help illustrate this, let’s look at some excerpts from the story of the fig tree as written in the book, *“The Desire of Ages,”* pp 582-585. **“The cursing of the fig tree was an acted parable.** That barren tree, flaunting its pretentious foliage in the very face of Christ, was a symbol of the Jewish nation. The Saviour desired to make plain to His disciples the cause and the certainty of Israel’s doom. For this purpose He invested the tree with moral qualities, and made it the expositor of nations, professing allegiance to God. They had been specially favored by Him, and they laid claim to righteousness above every other people. **But they were corrupted by the love of the world and the greed of gain.** [Sound familiar to anyone today?] They boasted of their knowledge, but they were ignorant of the requirements of God and were full of hypocrisy. Like the barren tree, they spread their pretentious branches aloft, luxuriant in appearance, and beautiful to the eye, but they yielded ‘nothing but leaves.’ The Jewish religion, with its magnificent temple, its sacred altars, its mitered priests and impressive ceremonies, was **indeed fair in outward appearance, but humility, love, and benevolence were lacking...**

“Jesus had come to the fig tree hungry, to find food. So He had come to Israel, hungering to find in them the fruits of righteousness. He had lavished on them His gifts, that they might bear fruit for the blessing of the world...**He longed to see in them self-sacrifice and compassion, zeal for God, and a deep yearning of soul for the salvation of their fellow men.** Had they kept the law of God, they would have done the same unselfish work that Christ did. But love to

God and man was **eclipsed by pride and self-sufficiency. They brought ruin upon themselves by refusing to minister to others.** [Go ahead, read that sentence again—it refers to OUR gospel commission!] **The treasures of truth which God had committed to them, they did not give to the world.** [Yes, yes this sentence needs repeating as well!] In the barren tree they might read both their sin and its punishment. Withered beneath the Saviour’s curse, standing forth sere and blasted, dried up by the roots, the fig tree showed what the Jewish people would be when the grace of God was removed from them. **Refusing to impart blessing, they would no longer receive it.** ‘O Israel,’ the Lord says, ‘thou hast destroyed thyself.’ Hosea 13:9.

“The warning is for all time. Christ’s act in cursing the tree which His own power had created stand as a warning to all churches and to all Christians. [This lesson of service; this lesson of properly positioning our motives and desires of life cannot be stated any plainer. God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. His objectives of salvation and our work in the plan of salvation have not changed nor will they ever change!] No one can live the law of God without ministering to others. But there are many who do not live out Christ’s merciful, unselfish life. Some who think themselves excellent Christians do not understand what constitutes service for God. They plan and study to please themselves. They act only in reference to self. **Time is of value to them only as they can gather for themselves...God created them to live in a world where unselfish service must be performed.** He designed them to help their fellow men in every possible way...[We hope you are getting this—are your reading carefully? Is anybody home?] Those who thus live for self are like the fig tree, which made every pretension but was fruitless. They observe the forms of worship, but without repentance or faith. In profession they honor the law of God, but obedience is lacking. They say, but do not. [They talk the talk, but don’t walk the walk.] **In the sentence pronounced on the fig tree Christ demonstrates how hateful in His eyes is the vain pretense. He declares that the open sinner is less guilty than is he who professes to serve God, but who bears no fruit to His glory”**

Mercy, this is heavy duty instruction for God’s people! We told you last month and it bears repeating again this month, **our work is not finished!** We are being called to unite in the effort of bearing fruit for the Heavenly Kingdom! Over and over again has Christ left written instruction through His people giving us step-by-step direction of our life’s purpose; yet, we say we’re too busy to take the time in prayer to read, learn, and apply His wisdom. What a different world this would be if we were the “Christians” we have been called to be. In fact, we wouldn’t still be living in this world at all! No, Christ would already have us in the Kingdom if we

would just unite and finish the work He has given us to do. So what do you say? Are you tired of being the couch potato on the side line looking in? We hope so. We at BTLM are committed to the saving of souls. It is our desire to join with your support in the finishing of this work—amen? So let's be dropping to our knees daily inquiring God's guidance, direction, and blessings. Let's not only talk the talk, but let's WALK THE WALK! Get behind, in, and with BTLM with your prayers and financial gifts. God says He loves a cheerful giver. Let's be that cheerful giver and watch what God will do with YOUR support!

In His service,
Pastor Kenny, Sister Chris, and your BTLM family.

A Time To Plant

MORE GOOD NEWS!

Our website is up and running again! Yes, God has provided us with a lady in Oklahoma who has a passion for ministry and is willing to make herself and her service affordable in the Lord's work. The site is still being built, so visit us there and watch us grow!
www.beholdthelambministries.com

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted..." Ecclesiastes 3:1 & 2.

For the most part here in America, the abundance of food has not been an issue. Times are changing however. We are beginning to be shown through storms and other disasters that the supply of food, and even our drinking water, can be exhausted in only moments of time, not to mention the ever-rising costs of even our most basic unprocessed foods. And how we could expand this thought through Bible prophecy of our living conditions before the return of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. And to be honest, this next encouragement truly has more to do with prophecy fulfillment than anything else.

We truly believe God has been unfolding end-time events slowly to wake His people up. But as you know, disasters are quickly becoming more prevalent. Therefore, along with your spiritual preparedness, we just want to take a few moments to encourage you to become more familiar with your physical needs. Most of us realize that our bodies are a living temple for the Lord our God to dwell in. (I Corinthians 3:16 & 17.) And to simply skip a meal, your body will let you know just how dependent it is on food. So with this thought in mind, **we want to encourage you to begin to plant a garden this spring.** For some, this is nothing new—you're old pros at gardening and preserving. To others, this is an overwhelming thought. So we suggest baby steps. Think of it as flower gardens; that's not such an overwhelming thought. But these "flower" gardens you'll be able to eat—yum!

Plant in anything. Plant in flower pots or raised beds that may be easier to keep weeded and ready for planting each year. Plant around your flowers. Vegetables and fruits make beautiful additions to our flowers. Then begin to learn how to preserve your bounty that is not eaten. You'll be sooo glad you did!

-And how about this idea? We think it would be so neat if you would send in pictures of your gardens; write about your experiences and suggestions. You may be used to encourage others in our future mailings. Thank you.-

Intercessory Prayer—Praying For Others On Our Prayer List

We thought you would be blessed and encouraged, as were we, to read the following testimony that was sent in by Kimberly, from Kentucky, a woman we've all been praying for.

"Hi there Sister Chris and Pastor Kenny! I've had my lab work done and went back today for the results. Let me say first that we serve an awesome God, and that although we don't deserve it, He allows us to boldly come before Him and cast all our cares and make known to Him our requests and to ask Him for healing. I thank Him for that. I have been doing just that for the past four months since my lab work was worse. If you recall, the cancer doctor sent me back to my internist because he didn't want to make the call to do the IV iron treatment because of a possible fatal reaction. Also, my bad cholesterol was up and my blood sugar borderline. My blood work was so bad that my doctor wanted to start the IV treatment right away and put me on cholesterol-lowering drugs. But I told him, 'No,' that I first wanted to see what God and natural healing would do. He smiled and said it was against his better judgment and that he knew I couldn't make enough of a change for good in my cholesterol.

"Well, I've prayed each day and petitioned the Father for help and healing. I've asked like the woman who touched Jesus' hem that had the blood disorder asking Him to also heal me according to my faith. I've asked God to honor my efforts to eat healthy and reclaim my health and lose pounds. Well, I've lost 60lbs; my iron has come up for the first time in three years; my cholesterol went down 25 points and my blood sugar is under control by diet alone! Through all the tremendous stress, family problems, and financial hardship, I have claimed His promises and He has gotten me through Praise His name!...I'm so thankful for God's help. The doctor has just said to keep doing what I'm doing—He was amazed. So guess who's not taking medicine to lower cholesterol, or iron IV treatments, or blood sugar medicine? (By the way, I was diagnosed as type II diabetic.) Me! And thanks so much for the natural way of raisins, prunes, and grape juice to raise my iron level. I'm eating a lot of steel cut oats, whole grains, vegetables, a little fruit, and lots of water, with some nuts...I'm focusing on reclaiming my health with God's power. Thank you for intercessory prayer—keep praying for me and my family. Love, Kim."

URGENT NEEDS

For years now, there have been a few year-end supporters that really gave BTLM a boost with their year-end giving. It was always enough to ease some of our financial burdens and strengthen our start for the new year. Not so at the end of 2009. When the Lord was opening doors for more outreach and more financial obligations, less came in. It can truly be discouraging at times. The thoughts of trying to take on other jobs has crossed some of our minds. The sad truth is, if some of us get a second or third job to have an additional income, there is very little, if any, time left for us to work in the Lord's vineyard. And the studying we've done points us right back to the ministry work as priority; right back to our calling. **We've read that we need to do all we can to stand, and avoid allowing our minds to be taken into doubt by the enemy. Therefore, we will once again lay these burdens open before God's people and pray that you will respond in whatever way you can.**

—**First** of all, we are **in dire need of daily operating funds**. We are doing our very best to pay at least the minimum due on monthly obligations, etc., which has left us for months without enough funds to meet our meager payroll expenses. This needs to stop. The Lord says that the laborer is worthy of his hire. Yet, the funds aren't available; and soon we will lose what few people we have left to keep operating the ministry. This at a time when more help is needed to keep up with the work we are doing and need to do.

—**Secondly**, we have a lot of people call or come by for **food or lodging**. There have been times when we were unable to assist. This, too, shouldn't be.

—**Thirdly**, we give out **hundreds of pieces of literature and books** which, of course, is not free for us, much of which is weekly evangelism through random materials to perfect strangers. We have some who take the literature by the box loads as we can provide. Such literature deals with the commandments, Sabbath observance, the state of the dead, healthful lifestyles which includes a Biblical diet. Other forms of giving come from requests for particular Spirit of prophecy books, Bibles, etc. Most times these are too expensive for us to purchase directly from a Bible supply source, so we've spent hours searching for new, or used, books of this type on the Internet.

—**Forth**, of the **two-phase production expense outline** we sent you back in the July, August, September Update, we have only received approximately \$16,000.00. We praise God for this amount being sent. But, obviously, with phase one of the production cost running \$35,859.84, you can only imagine what we have had to charge in order to have the very bare essentials to begin our evangelistic outreach via the television. And in the multi-media world we live in, this avenue of outreach is essential to the completion of God's work. **It reaches into homes that are otherwise closed to our advances. Praise God for this opportunity!** And we are far from being prepared for phase two, which will cost approximately \$32,255.68. And these expenses in no wise include the man hours to hire the professional help we need to produce such programs.

—**Fifth**, we find ourselves **in need of two new projectors**. We have had major problems presenting messages with the one we have been using for years in both the sanctuary and travel. It simply is refusing to work with any computer.

—**Sixth**, a few months ago we experienced **major computer problems** and have had to obtain new computers in a very short period of time. We realize that they don't last forever, but it is never a good time when one expires. This is another expense that needs to be paid.

—**This list could go on, and on**. We've even kept the ministry at 62 degrees all winter to do our best to preserve money expended in electric bills. Yet, even at these uncomfortable working temperatures, the costs were very difficult for us to deal with. Our postal rates have sky rocketed and we are being told they are going up again. A mailing that was larger in size (VHS tapes) was only one fourth of the amount we are now having to pay for a much smaller size (DVD/CD) mailing. We've shut down our 800 phone service, along with anything else we could do without to save money, including producing the better quality newsletters with the pictures so many of you said you enjoyed and were more apt to pick up and read.

In this economy, it is difficult for anyone to win without losing. But **we know there are people who have a heart for ministry work who could help**. Even if you can only give small amounts each week, or each month, God can use and multiply your giving. We've done our part once again by laying this before you, the Church. **Thanks for your help.**

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Prayer List..

- Mark and Mary from Brandenburg, KY. Mark is in need of physical healing.
- Ruth Ann from San Antonio, TX. Ruth just had surgery on March 8, 2010.
- Avis from Cloverdale, CA, requests your prayers.
- Debbie from Herrin, IL, asks for your prayers for her grown children. And please pray for her husband, Bob, to get a job very soon.
- Sandy from Norman, OK, needs our prayers for continued physical healing from surgery.
- Sandy from Herrin, IL, needs prayer for spiritual and physical healing.
- Please keep Wilma from Idalou, TX, in your prayers.
- Pray for Michele from Eufaula, OK. She is possibly in need of surgery and has no health insurance. Pray the Lord's healing or direction for assistance.
- Kimberly, Jonathon, Leah, Khara, Shawn, Kristi, Roger, Megan, Nathaniel, W.D., Donna, Keary, Cindi and grandchildren from Kentucky request prayer for various problems spiritually, physically, legally, and for the family as a whole.
- Please pray for BTLM and its work of evangelism noting the needs listed on page 3.
- Pray for Pastor Kenny's and Sister Chris' family members.

Let's all strive to be daily prayer warriors for one another—pray, believe, and receive!