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Dear Friends of Christian Medical Foundation,

In the history of America, particularly beginning in 1620 with the arrival of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Colony, our forebears were in many ways like the children of Israel coming into the promised land.

Isaiah 51:3 says, "For the Lord shall comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the Garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving and the voice of melody."

We did not arrive going across the Jordan River, but we came across the northern Atlantic Ocean. Initially it was not a land flowing with milk and honey, but it was a "stern and rockbound coast." In the almost 400 hundred years since that time, the deserts and waste places have been made much like Eden and in those aspects of America which are in harmony with the kingdom of God there is found joy and gladness, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody throughout the land.

As I opened up my father's Bible to Isaiah 51, I came across something my father had written in 1978. He called his meditation, "Unused Talents". He wrote, "Aesop tells us in one of his fables of a man who had a hole in which he placed his gold. He would go often and take it out of the hidden place and count it and play with it and almost worship it even as some people today do with their bank savings accounts and stock portfolios. Then he would put his gold back in the hole and cover it up until he came back the next time. One day a thief saw where he put his idol and he stole the gold. When the man came again and found the empty hole, he began to cry and bemoan his fate. A friend came along and seeing him crying asked him what he was wailing about. He said, "Someone has stolen my gold and now I'll never see it again." The friend asked him, "Did you ever take any of your gold out and use it?" "No," was the answer. "Why then do you not come and just be happy by just looking into the empty hole? It will do just as much good for you as the gold you thought so much of and never used."

At Thanksgiving time are we thankful for our wealth, our possessions, or estates, and those things which we interpret as things we have ownership of? Or are we thankful for the fact that we have health and happiness and wholeness remembering the admonition of God's Word, Proverbs 15:16, "Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith." David in the 37th Psalm says, "I have been young, and now am old; yet I've not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."
Thanksgiving is a time in which we need reflect on the wonderful blessings that God has bestowed upon us. In particular I want to thank the Lord for the many years that I've been privileged to be the President as well as the Founder of Christian Medical Foundation. We have recently moved from our beautiful Center on Himes Avenue in Tampa to an even more beautiful location on the Hillsborough River. God is using the Foundation in almost unimaginable ways. When we started out there was little consideration of true spirituality in the practice of Medicine. Today, even Harvard University is holding conferences on spirituality and healing.

We at Christian Medical Foundation have always been a little work, but God has used us as an instrument in His hand in these last days. God has abundantly blessed us with every kind of blessing imaginable. The sick have been healed and even the dead have been raised. In the days ahead we rejoice at what God is going to do as we realize that when evil comes in, God, like a flood, is raising His standard against that evil. We are in the midst of not only showers of blessing but a great flood of the blessings of God in the kingdom of God in America and in Canada and across the world. How wonderful to be His child in these amazing days. May God bless you all at Thanksgiving.

Please help Christian Medical Foundation during this holiday season with your yearend gifts which are urgently needed by your Foundation at this present time. God bless you during this Thanksgiving season, the coming Advent, and soon thereafter, Christmastide.

Faithfully,

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