Dear Friends of Christian Medical Foundation,

Christmas is now over. We think of the Christmas message, which is “Peace On Earth Good Will Toward Men.” It would seem as this new century is beginning, that we would certainly be in a situation in which there should be plenty of peace available in the world, but we are involved in a strange war with the forces of darkness and evil in the world. Of course, ever since we have entered this world, there are forces of evil at work as well as the forces of good, the forces of our wonderful God and Holy Spirit through Christ. Jesus of course told us, “My peace I give unto you. Not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your hearts be troubled.”

I have quoted this on numerous occasions to my patients over the years and also to my family and myself realizing that true peace is a spiritual value and not something that comes through mental processes. We of course spend all of our time in the cerebral cortex of the mind and intellect and expect thereby that great things will be accomplished. Of course some great things are accomplished scientifically and intellectually. Throughout the past century and as this new century begins, we can only realize that science can only go so far. The milk of human kindness and love, care, and compassion are actually those things that are a product of the spirit and knowing of God’s Word. As 2002 comes around, let us at Christian Medical Foundation truly begin to turn our hearts and minds toward Christ, the Word of God, and intercessory prayer. We trust that in so doing that revival will occur. It is my contention that revival or spiritual rebirth must begin first in me and then, what C. S. Lewis defined as divine contagion, will be caught by those whom I contact.

At Christian Medical Foundation we are continuing to find many people, both by direct coming to the chapel or by telephone or email, who have diagnosis of terminal illness or medical incurability of one kind or another. Let us in compliance with God’s Word be people of hope, sharing that hope with everyone through witnessing the statements of Jesus and the writings of both the Old and new Testaments, to give each person a cleft in the side of the cliff to hold unto so that he does not plunge into despair. We have over the years seen the impossible become possible, because God’s Word instructs us that with His kingdom there is no such thing as impossibility.

So therefore, as the New Year comes about we must look to God for His peace that is not cerebral, a peace that defies the understanding. It is a peace that is recorded in St. Paul’s writings in Philippians 4:6 & 7, where the statement is made, “Do not fret or have anxiety about anything, but in everything make your definite requests known unto God, and God’s peace which passes all our understanding will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” It is a peace that does not have a definition nor is there any way of telling how wonderful that peace is when it enters into our situation. All we have to do is ask for it, to make our definite requests known unto God. God is love and no matter
how undeserving we are, there is such a thing as God's grace, which allows us to come to the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit and expect God to do the impossible.

So as we begin 2002, let us truly believe that God is infinitely more able to do far above what we can think, ask, and ever dare to dream about. Let us trust in Him and not upon our own understanding. Let us come unto Him as little children, trusting that God through the Holy Spirit, will care for us far beyond anything that we could even dare to imagine.

We wish you a Jesus filled and Holy Spirit empowered 2002.

Sincerely,

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P. S. We want to thank each of you who have given so generously to Christian Medical Foundation this past year. Your financial help continues to be needed as we try to end the year with all bills paid. Thank you for your year end gifts. Now, let us have a financially secure 2002.