NORTHERN LIGHTS-KINGDOM NOTES

I Samuel 22:1-2 "So David departed, and escaped to the cave Adullam; and when his brothers and all his father’s house heard it, they went down there to him. And everyone in distress, or in debt or discontented, gathered to him; and he became a commander over them; and they were with him about 400 men."

Christian Medical Foundation in Canada is not a large organization. Having begun almost twenty years ago now in The Maritimes at Fredericton, New Brunswick, CMF has gradually grown but hardly in an explosive way. It could be that one would become somewhat discouraged if he looked at his endeavors, whatever they may be in the Kingdom of God, from a worldly point of view. When one considers that David, who became the King of Israel, was actually a fugitive and had escaped to the cave Adullam, he, aside from his own family members, could only count on a small group of men who were "in distress, in debt, and discontented." This hardly seems like the kind of a group which could eventually be those who would be central to the power which placed David on the throne. Similarly, when one thinks about Jesus, whose close disciples were twelve in number, one of them disloyal, yet He and His "little flock" are truly the singular basis whereby the world has been able to accomplish anything of lasting value in the last 2,000 years and remains today man's only true hope. His hope is the only hope for peace, prosperity and healing in our time. He truly remains the only hope that man has for heaven and life beyond this span. Therefore "let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in well doing, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap if we do not loosen or relax our courage and faint." "So then as occasion and opportunity open to us, let us do good to all people." "Be mindful to be a blessing especially to those of the household of faith-those who belong to God’s family with you, the believers" Galatians 6:9-10.

It occurs to me that, although our numbers are small, we have sown seed which is going to ripen and bear fruit for God in the immediate future.

Tim Darnell who received the Marion Griffin, Jr. Scholarship was with us at our October conference in Tampa. Along with a small group of supporting physicians in Edmonton, Calgary, and Red Deer and with Tim now a sophomore in medical school in Edmonton, I feel that God is going to do something in Alberta through CMF in the immediate future. As a result of the wonderful meeting which we had under the auspices of Dr. Judith McBride and Dr. Dorsett Smith in the Vancouver area last year, it is my belief that something great is also going to transpire in British Columbia also. This also holds for the Maritimes, for New Foundland, and for Quebec. Brothers and sisters, let us pray ardentely for this. Also let us pray that we can fan into flame the fading embers of our great meeting with Roman Buchok and Rod Davison in Winnipeg in 1983.

Concerning CMF of Canada’s financial needs, would you consider giving a monthly gift to Christian Medical Foundation of Canada? Your gifts for this fledgling, God inspired and Holy Spirit empowered work for Canada are most urgently requested and needed. God will abundantly reward your giving to this great cause anchored in Jesus Christ and empowered by His Holy Spirit in Canadian medicine and nursing. God bless you at Christmas time. Faithfully in our Lord, Savior and healing Christ,

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