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From: "Michael" <rood6001@hotmail.com>

To: Addresses removed to protect privacy

Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2007 7:55 AM

> Dear Staff,

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> For several months, I and several of our staff members have become  
> increasingly concerned about Jamie's health. We all recognize the  
> growing number of flaming torches that Jamie has had to handle as the  
> outreach of our ministry has expanded. Being on the road unavoidably  
> recalls to mind the tragedy that we all experienced last fall, and for  
> Jamie and Connie it is understandably that much more intense. The  
> combined strain on Jamie is exacting a price on his body and mind that  
> none of us are prepared to pay.  
> I have been wrestling with the fear that I could be responsible for  
> fatal risks to Jamie's health should we continue the course that we are now on.

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> With each passing week it becomes more imperative that I afford Jamie  
> the same opportunity that he afforded me when I left for Israel to  
> begin Last Great Day Productions five years ago. We could not have  
> accomplished our television series without a trusted friend at the  
> helm to watch over the affairs of the ministry with such a pure and  
> trustworthy heart. Now I am giving Jamie the same opportunity so that  
> he can take care of his health and his family and stay alive to enjoy  
> the fruit of his labors and the final harvest.

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> After much prayer and after consulting with Jamie two days ago, I have  
> made the decision that Judith and I will not return to Israel at the  
> end of this summer tour. Instead, I will stay on in the U.S. to assume  
> the responsibilities for day to day ministry operations. Jamie and I  
> are both in agreement that this is necessary at this time.

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> Jamie left Tampa last night just before the Jonah Code seminar began so  
> that  
> he could attend Felicity's high school graduation. As of the close of our  
> road crew organizational meeting in Tampa last Tuesday night, Jamie will  
> no  
> longer be handling any ministry business other than to be available to me  
> to  
> advise me on any details I may need concerning the remainder of this road  
> trip. When he returns to Oregon, he will not be going into the office.

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> I am informing the staff immediately so that you can be helpful in this  
> transition. I will also be assembling some trusted advisors and  
> experienced  
> staff to help us facilitate effective organizational changes. We will all  
> need to shoulder more of the load for a while until we can bring in  
> reinforcements. As Jamie recovers, he will eventually assume a new  
> position  
> as 'wartime consigliere' for the ministry.  
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> We have all depended on Jamie for so long that it will be difficult to  
> wean  
> ourselves from the platter of his experience developed through years of  
> service. Jamie must also discipline himself to release the myriad of  
> details with which he has willingly burdened himself in the past. Please  
> do  
> not make your concerns or the ministry concerns any concern of Jamie's -  
> you  
> can call me or Rashel (if I am unavailable) with any urgent matters that  
> require my input. Darlene (on the bookstore road crew) will be handling  
> Jamie's phone and will inform him of personal calls and coordinate  
> anything  
> that absolutely requires his attention. .  
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> All departments will continue to function as usual with the exception that  
> Jamie will no longer be the "go to guy" when things don't go right. I  
> will  
> be the one who will call the shots, and I will be the one to go to Jamie  
> when I cannot figure things out. Until I arrive in Oregon, Michele will  
> be  
> directly under me as the office coordinator, and in order to avoid any  
> ambiguity or confusion during this transition, all activities required of  
> any Oregon office personnel must go through her first.  
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> The usual monthly financial disbursements will be made from the Oregon  
> office by Michele and Nancy who will co-sign disbursements in the place of  
> Connie. I ask you to keep your expenses to a minimum until we have a new  
> accountant to replace Debbie who now has a second child to demand her full  
> attention. Any purchasing needs should be submitted in writing to me.  
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> Charles Barrett, our newest staff addition who has taken on the role of  
> Development Director for the ministry, has recently been working with  
> Jamie

> on plans for a "vision conference" where Board members and invited  
> advisors  
> will meet in Albuquerque during August to map out an "if Yah wills" path  
> for  
> our future. Charles will now be taking over all the planning for this  
> meeting as well as for a Jonah Code Seminar planned to precede it in  
> Albuquerque on August 1st and 2nd. I will need Jamie in prime health so  
> that he can be ready to share at the "vision conference."  
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> With the combined wit and wisdom of all of us on staff, I believe that we  
> can make this work smoothly. Jamie will be focusing on his physical  
> recovery and will be required to be diligent in exercising daily, eating  
> nourishing, "home-cooked" meals, and spending time with his family who has  
> had to "make do" while he has been on the road. The ministry will  
> continue  
> to pay his full regular salary, but he is required NOT to work at this  
> time.  
> He has already put two lifetimes of labor into this ministry. With due  
> diligence, 'Kemosabe' will be back in the saddle riding another range with  
> me in the near future.  
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> Until the smoke clears.  
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> Michael Rood  
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> Tampa, Florida  
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> May 31, 2007  
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