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Dear Friend Of The Potter's Wheel Ministries,

As we have faced an economic downfall in the Potter's Wheel contributions, I still feel encouraged that all is well. Even when everything around us seems to be going south, so to speak, God is still in charge. The Christian has been challenged heavily in the last few years, but as God's children we must rise back up and take the stand for the kingdom which is at hand.

I look back into Bible history and see that God's children, the Jews, have been in captivity many times. However, when they called on God, and they obeyed his commandments, God always restored them.

In the book of Ezra, we find the return of the Jews to their homeland after being in captivity for seventy years. Upon their arrival to their homeland God instructed them to build a temple where they could worship. The children of Israel went through much discouragement, but after receiving encouragement from Haggai and Zechariah, they returned to the task of building the temple. The message of the prophets still speaks today, encouraging us to continue building the church. The enemy of our soul has tried to discourage the church today, but the child of God knows that the greater one lives in him. What he also knows is: "Our God shall supply our every need.."

As the Jews set out to build the temple, they brought in their silver and gold and goods in support of the project. Ezra, chapter 1, also says: they gave "freewill offerings." That is where we are at today at the Potter's Wheel. We are continuing to carry on the vision of the Lord to feed those who are hungry, clothe those that are needy, educate the school dropouts, and teach the mothers of the city how to properly raise and care for their babies. We are also breaking the generational curse of the youth in this area, by prayer, and by educating them to the fact that they can make it in this world, and they don't have to depend on handouts.

My vision from God, to restore the downfall in our contributions, is to ask all those that could, to give a "free will offering" of \$1,000.00, over a period of the next year. If just fifty people would commit, we can make up our deficit and keep right on going in the face of opposition from the enemy, and continue the work of the Lord which He started at the Potter's Wheel almost six years ago.

I will not be taking a salary for the next year, but we do need the finances to keep our staff on board. There has never been a time in my Christian life that God has failed in using His people to complete His work. So, as I write my vision to you, I ask that you prayerfully ask God to help you help him. I know that some can't do the actual work to keep the Potter's Wheel temple going, but by your generous giving we can continue to live out Matthew 25:40, for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Today, I pray Luke 6:38 over the lives of all who give into the kingdom of God, whether at the Potter's Wheel or elsewhere in the ministry of the Lord. I have now shared my vision as God instructed, and I leave it in His hands. Be blessed and know that I love you.

In Serving Christ,

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