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RE: WASHINGTON DC MINISTRY UPDATE

Dear Partners in Ministry,

Greetings from our nation's Capitol. What a blessing it has been these past two years to pioneer a strong Bible teaching/discipleship ministry here in on the Hill with members of Congress. We have all lamented the decline in our country and from what we've experienced these past several years, in my mind it is no wonder, given the dearth of in-depth Bible teaching that has existed amongst our country's leaders! This is Christianity 101 for heaven's sake! Why haven't we as Believers enacted basics of our faith when it comes to developing political leaders in Christ? What should one expect from the spiritually-malnourished leaders of our great country?

The Word of God must be taught if we are to make disciples. Fundamentally, "faith comes from hearing and hearing by the Word of Christ." One grows by "Sanctify[ing] them in truth, Thy Word is truth." These are but several passages that come to mind in regards to the importance of preparing, distributing and teaching high-protein Bible studies that are specifically applicable to political leaders on a week-in and week-out basis, 52 weeks a year. How else do we grow believers? You don't; and the direction of our country is illustrative of that.

The results of our labors in the Word here have been so encouraging. There is an enormous hunger for the Word of God! Note some of the following quips illustrative of this fact:

"I read your notes and make it a high-priority to come to your study every week."

"My wife makes me read your notes every week; will you teach about Islam sometime soon?"

"I read your notes in my office every week even though I have not been to the study."

"I've had our staff make a notebook up of all your weekly studies so I can teach them myself."

"I share your studies with my son every week; I like that you don't write one-page summaries."

"My mother passed away and the passage you just taught on was her favorite verse."

"If you don't teach in-depth and challenge me every week, it will not be worth my time."

"I taught your Bible study this past week to my Sunday School class back in the district."

"My pastor used your study in my commissioning service after I was elected to Congress."

These are just a few of the numerous encouraging comments we receive from congressional members as I diligently prepare and teach God's Word every week here in the Capitol. (You should be receiving my weekly notes by email; if not send your email address to me at ralph@capmin.org and I will put you on the list).

The ministry in DC continues to expand. We just completed giving out New American Standard Bibles to all 435 Members of Congress. These Bibles were a wonderful gift from the Lockman Foundation, the publisher of the NASB (my favorite translation—and I might add the most appropriate translation to teach

America's leaders). They have the Members Bible Study logo on the leather cover with each member's name engraved. What a fantastic gift that has opened many additional relationship opportunities!

In addition, we are right now in the midst of expanding our Congressional Sponsors from 27 to, Lord willing, over 50; please be praying for this. There are so many new freshman Members who are becoming involved. Of the approximately 150 Members of the House that track with the Members Bible Study, we have the privilege of ministering regularly to about 7 Committee chairmen who among many others are in regular attendance. In particular, one highly-committed congress person is now a leading presidential candidate. What an honor to serve our Lord and these folks in this way! We praise God for the favor He has given us to serve Him here—especially at such a pivotal time in our history. I realize more and more that **Nehemiah's need Ezra's in order to effectively rebuild nations.**

On the broader scope of our ministry, there remain many state capitols that are still in need of effective discipleship ministries here in America. Pray for an emerging partnership we are working on that promises to help enable the planting of effective ministries in ministry-barren capitols. Overseas, our sister ministry in South America continues to expand into more and more countries. And just recently, the Lord has brought a new partnership possibility into focus for planting ministries in African-nation capitols! We will report to you more about those opening doors as these new horizons mature in the months ahead. Check out the ministries page on our website at capmin.org.

On the family front, Susan our middle daughter is pregnant with her first child whom we just learned is a boy! Joe, our son-in-law is 6'8" and Susan is 6'3" so our grandson should be quite tall! This will be our fourth grandchild. I will attach a recent photo from a family gathering. Scott in the meantime (the one on the far left of the attached photo) just finished his junior year at UCLA.

Please continue to help support the ministry with your generous gifts. We have increasing needs. As we have honored the Lord and emphasized His Word in our ministry these past 15 years He has been faithful to always meet our needs in an abundant way. We've never had to resort to high-pressure fund-raising tactics; as you know we don't ask often. But given the continued decline in our economy, it has made it difficult for some of our past donors to continue giving and so we do have a need to raise funds. Thank you for thinking of us in this way. You can respond via the giving button below or through regular mail to the physical address below. Thank you for standing with us in this strategic ministry.

Yours for a movement for Christ in our nation's capitol,



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President and Founder

P.S. The Capitol Ministries Board of Directors recently released a statement about the controversy that occurred in our ministry several years ago. You may want to check out their statement on my personal website: RalphDrollinger.com

P.P.S. You can now follow us on Twitter and Facebook



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From left to right: Scott, John, little Brighton, Rachel, Andrew, Sierra and Danielle, Ralph Susan (expecting our newest arrival) and her husband Joe.