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### Headed West

We desire your earnest prayers for our family as we begin our westward swing tomorrow. We'll go to San Antonio, Texas first and from there all the way to Vancouver, BC. Nathan, Hannah and I will minister the first three weeks in the northwest without Betsy, as she will remain in Hickory with Rachael, overseeing things at home. Then, she'll fly out for the last three weeks and drive home with us. For the first time in many years, we'll not be taking our trailer out west (as diesel prices are out of sight). Instead, we're driving out in a car. The return trip will be a little more spacious as we have agreed to transport a car to the east coast for a family member.

As I survey the political/religious landscape, I am reminded repeatedly how close we must be to our Savior's return. Has there ever been a time when there is such spiritual blindness? The seeming willingness on the part of the American public to ignore the obvious deceptions of political figures is astounding. Yet, this merely underscores the fact that a great deceiver (Antichrist) will one day emerge from obscurity to offer political/economic/religious answers to the world's ills. His revelation may be closer than any of us imagine. He may be poised and waiting in the wings for his Satan inspired opportunity. If you have not already done so, I would encourage you to read Joel Rosenberg's provocative book, "Epicenter." You may not agree with everything he says, but you will be challenged.

The last month has been a wonderful time of relaxation and recharging for us. The time at home has afforded great opportunity for study and focus on the coming months. To be honest, I am charged and eager for what the Lord has for us in the weeks that lie ahead. My guns are loaded and I'm chomping at the bit to be back on the road. If you are a preacher of the Word, I beg of you to preach as never before! Speak the truth in love, but by all means PREACH!!! The nature of the times demands that we, who have the privilege of handling God's truth, declare it with clarity and in the absolute power of God's Mighty Spirit. Today is not a day for the faint of heart. God's has always desired men of faith and fearlessness. But those qualities seem to be more needed now than

ever. Let us walk in love for God and each other. Let us resist the temptation to become sidetracked by non-essential issues. Let us dwell with our brethren (those who genuinely love, obey and proclaim the same truth that we do) in unity. Let us fear no one but God, fight no one but the Devil, and follow hard after our blessed Savior. May His priorities be ours. May His passion become ours. And, may we live so as to stand one day before our Lord, unashamed, knowing that we have done, not only our duty, but done so with great delight. For serving the Lord Christ is exactly that--life's GREATEST JOY!

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