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DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ONGOING WORK OF PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

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SPECIAL REPORT:

"PTM was there for us . . ."

"This has been one difficult, grueling year. When the economy took a downturn, my wife and I both lost our jobs. As medical bills had wiped out our meager savings, we couldn't afford to pay our mortgage and our home was foreclosed. To top it off, our church pastor told us this was all because we lacked faith. Thank God, when we had nearly lost hope, PTM was there for us, with messages of encouragement, hope and God's grace. Through PTM, God is giving us the daily strength to go on!"
—Michigan

It's been a tough and challenging year for many of PTM's friends. We've received messages like the one above in increasing numbers. As this message shows, in the midst of serious hardship, there is nothing more important than hope. Yet this is often the very time when many people discover that the *religion* they had relied on as a source of hope and encouragement itself becomes a devastating burden!

Thousands depend on Christianity Without the Religion

Every week, thousands of PTM's friends know they can count on the teaching ministry of Greg Albrecht for inspiration, encouragement and hope. Discover the incomparable riches of God's grace! Whether online or through audio cassettes or CDs, CWR is available wherever and whenever you want to worship!

That's when PTM comes through—as a source of God's amazing grace, hope and encouragement. PTM helps lift the crushing weight and worry of legalistic religion, offering people the hope and glorious freedom of life in Christ.



PTM shares its message of hope in many ways—through the spoken word and the written word—electronically and in print, in our magazine, online worship services, books and booklets, audio cassettes, CDs, letters, radio, webcasts, email and on the Internet. When you help us share God's message . . .

YOU ARE HELPING TO BRING HOPE TO THOSE IN DESPERATE SPIRITUAL NEED!

When PTM provides spiritual nourishment for those who are hungry, YOU are helping to provide Christ-centered spiritual food—through your prayers and financial support of PTM. Take a moment or two and read through the comments below to get some idea of what your support means to thousands of people.

I just discovered your website and I think I've discovered what I've been looking for the past 50 years.—California

So thankful that the Lord led me to you people at PTM. In a world that we live in today, you all give the hope and assurance of the Truth that is needed for all. Keep up the good work that you are doing in spreading the truth about Jesus.—Arizona

Thank you for the messages of grace that fill The Plain Truth, your books, CWR sermons and Partner Letters. You and your staff are in my prayers, along with those who request prayers. May God richly bless PTM.—Minnesota

I believe God is using PTM to bring people to faith in Christ. May God bless all who are part of your ministry. I have fallen in love with Jesus all over again because of the work of PTM. The church I attend has not helped me in the way you have, and I just wanted you to know of my appreciation for what PTM has done for me.—Alberta, Canada

I find your ministry so refreshing. I just recently left a church where I felt God was always angry with me. All the rules, rituals and ceremonies were never-ending and hard to keep up with. I am glad to be free of bondage and can now fall deeply in love with Christ. Thank you again, your site is a breath of fresh spiritual air.—Missouri

I don't know where this faltering economy is going, but I want to contribute to this wonderful ministry. I have greatly

benefited from CWR and PTM since the mid-1990s. I left a toxic, caustic religion in 1996 with no regrets. Some people experience a spiritual boost only once a year. But thanks to CWR mine is 24-7!—Ontario, Canada

I would like to thank you so much for your ministry. I visit your website daily, and it brings me a lot of joy. The last church I was involved in had a mental hold on me. I felt like if I didn't go to that church I was going to hell. Now, because of PTM, I don't feel that way anymore. Keep teaching the truth! You never know whose heart you will touch.—Texas

I am a pastor of a small church. We love CWR! Every Sunday, in addition to my own sermon, we listen to the CD you send me—the CWR message for that week. We contribute to and support PTM. We pray for you—keep up the good work!—Oklahoma

I just wanted to say how thrilled I am to find Plain Truth magazine. I believe in and follow Jesus as revealed in the Bible, not religion. If anything, religion separates people—each one saying that they have it "right." Only the Bible has it right, and I've always believed that. It is great to find a group that feels the same.—Connecticut

Newsmakers of 2009

PTM works in close cooperation with many grace-based ministries, pastors and teachers. We are building a network of key people, along with their churches and organizations who have similar goals and purposes. Here are a few of the people with whom PTM has been privileged to work last year. When you support PTM, you are doing God's work alongside these friends!



Soong Chan Rah

Pastor, scholar and author of *The Next Evangelicalism*, Dr. Rah visited PTM offices last summer for a webcast interview on the multiethnic future of North American Christianity.



Bert Gary

A frequent contributor to PTM's publications, as well as guest speaker on CWR. Bert wrote PTM's new pamphlet *You're Saved—Whether You Like It or Not*.



Susan Reedy

Christian counselor and author of the "Growing Places" column in *Plain Truth* magazine. This year Susan won an award from the Evangelical Press Association for her column.



Michael North

Gifted musician, composer and recording artist Michael North is CWR's worship leader, as well as serving as worship leader at Shepherd of the Hills Community Church in Porter Ranch, California.



Stephen Sizer

British author, scholar and pastor. Stephen joined forces with Greg Albrecht for the PTM webcast series "Three Weeks in June—A Discussion of End-Times Prophecy."



Ron Kelly

Veteran pastor and author of PTM booklets *Retirement—Preparing for It—Living Through It* and *Making a Bucket List—Planning for a Graceful Exit*, released in 2008 and 2009 respectively.



Millard and Linda Fuller

Co-founders of Habitat for Humanity. Millard died in February 2009, but the Fuller Center for Housing continues his legacy. The Fullers were featured on the November 2008 *Plain Truth* cover.

Plain Truth Ministries brings hope and encouragement to thousands burdened by legalistic religion—and YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE!

PTM depends on your support to continue bringing hope to tens of thousands of hurting people. We have no big corporate or institutional sponsors—we rely solely on our individual Friends and Partners to keep us going. So if you've been helped—why not help others through your financial support of PTM? Your prayers and regular financial support will bring the comfort and healing of the gospel.

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