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“Now to Him Who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think...to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.” Eph. 3:20-21

Dear Friends of International Impact,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! We hope that you are well and enjoying His blessings and the amazing grace He grants us so sufficiently.

The summer is now over and we are starting the new ministry season Fall 2007/Spring 2008. Our hearts are full with praise and gratitude to the Lord, Who so generously opened the doors of new churches for me to visit. My travel schedule from September till Christmas 2007 is full, thus I will have the joyous privilege to minister every weekend in these months. Ginger, my very diligent assistant, is working now to book the remaining dates from the Spring of 2008. Ruth, the other co-worker in the office, is also doing her best behind the scenes. I am extremely grateful for and to these ladies, for their love for the Lord and our Mission's work. Please, remember us in your prayers as we labor in His fields.

This summer was different for me. For the first time we had no pastors' conference in Bulgaria. On May 10th, 2007, International Impact held a promotional meeting in The Woodlands, Texas. It was well attended by all Board Members and guests—pastors and Christian leaders from several states. To our delight we had a special speaker from Bulgaria—Pastor Victor Virtchev, who is also the President of the Alliance of all Evangelical Churches there. Very eloquently he talked about the work International Impact had done in his country for 17 years, since the fall of the Berlin Wall and Communism there. He related the gratitude of the Bulgarian Christians for the 410,000 Bibles they have now, for the seminars held in 16 years in which all local pastors were trained to further God's Kingdom, encouraged in their ministries and given the opportunity to fellowship and pray with each other and the American pastors/lectors. Pastor Virtchev mentioned gratefully also the sponsoring of the soup kitchens, which provide food for many poor people, who are presented with the Gospel of Christ after the meals, the orphanages' care, pastors' families support and the other ministries International Impact does in Bulgaria. It was a great time of reflecting on what the Lord has allowed us to do in His name and for His sake. At the end pastor Virtchev petitioned the Board to use the monies for the summer pastors' conference for printing hymnals for the churches. They do not have the technology we enjoy here for worship in our services. The number of believers in the last 17 years has increased tremendously—from about 200,000 in 1990 to 850,000 in 2007. The Board of Directors made a decision to honor the petition and print hymnals instead of the planned seminar. Final preparations are being made at this time in Bulgaria for the publishing of the needed songbooks. At the same time we are contracting the printing of 40,000 Bibles, as the Lord blesses our finances.

This report comes with gratitude to you and admiration for your faithful support. You enable us to do the ministry in Bulgaria as you partner with us through your prayers and donations. We are a team to the glory of Christ! Please, accept our heartfelt Thank-you and our wishes for God's richest blessings upon you and yours.

Affectionately Yours, Margaret Nikol

After living what I felt was a “decent” life, my time on earth came to the end. The first thing I remember is sitting on a bench in the waiting room of what I thought to be a courthouse. The doors opened and I was instructed to come in and have a seat by the defense table. As I looked around I saw the “prosecutor.” He was a villainous looking gent who snarled as he stared at me. He definitely was the most evil person I have ever seen. I sat down and looked to my left and there sat My Attorney, a kind and gentle looking man, whose appearance seemed so familiar to me, I felt I knew Him. The corner door flew open and there appeared the Judge in full flowing robes. He commanded an awesome presence as He moved across the room. I couldn’t take my eyes off of Him. As He took His seat behind the bench, He said, “Let us begin.” The prosecutor rose and said, “My name is Satan and I am here to show you why this man belongs in hell.” He proceeded to tell of lies that I told, things that I stole, and in the past when I cheated others. Satan told of other horrible Perversions that were once in my life and the more he spoke, the further down in my seat I sank. I was so embarrassed that I couldn’t look at anyone, even my own Attorney, as the Devil told of sins that even I had completely forgotten about. As upset as I was at Satan for telling all these things about me, I was equally upset at My Attorney Who sat there silently not offering any form of defense at all. I know I had been guilty of those things, but I had done some good in my life – couldn’t that at least equal out part of the harm I’d done? Satan finished with a fury and said, “This man belongs in hell, he is guilty of all that I have charged and there is not a person who can prove otherwise.” When it was His turn, My Attorney first asked if He might approach the bench. The Judge allowed this over the strong objection of Satan, and beckoned Him to come forward. As He got up and started walking. I was able to see Him in His full splendor and majesty. I realized why He seemed so familiar; this was Jesus representing me, my Lord and my Savior. He stopped at the bench and softly said to the Judge, “Hi, Dad,” and then He turned to address the court. “Satan was correct in saying that this man had sinned, I won’t deny any of these allegations. And, yes, the wage of sin is death, and this man deserves to be punished.” Jesus took a deep breath and turned to His Father with outstretched arms and proclaimed: “However, I died on the cross so that this person might have eternal life and he has accepted Me as his Savior, so he is Mine.” My Lord continued with, “ His name is written in the book of life and no one can snatch him from Me. Satan still does not understand yet. This man is not to be given justice, but rather mercy.” As Jesus sat down, He quietly paused, looked at His Father and said: “There is nothing else that needs to be done. I’ve done it all.” The Judge lifted His mighty hand and slammed the gavel down. The following words bellowed from His lips. “This man is free.” The penalty for him has already been paid in full. Case dismissed.” As my Lord led me away, I could hear Satan ranting and raving, “I won’t give up, I will win the next one.” I asked Jesus as He gave me my instructions where to go next: “Have you ever lost a case?” Christ lovingly smiled and said: “Everyone that has come to Me and asked Me to represent them has received the same verdict as you -- PAID IN FULL!

This is what Christmas is all about:

“FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON,
THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM,
SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE.”

JOHN 3:16

May you have a joyous celebration of our Savior’s Birth!

Affectionately Yours,
Margaret Nikol