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Words of Life

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"WITH MUCH TRIBULATION WE ENTER THE KINGDOM." ACTS 14:22

How many of you know the Kingdom of God is within you in seed form? It is up to each of us to give our lives to Christ — turn to God and obey His voice so as to make that seed grow and take over our life. We (that inner Adam man) are to become a new resurrected generation, a royal priesthood, born of God, with God as our Father — free from sin. Did you know that without that happening in your life, your Christianity is in vain? Christ comes into your life to put you to death. That is the only way into eternal life. That means much tribulation, much disruption, anguish and tears. That means that inner man leaves his house, his mother, father, sisters, brothers, lands — and hates his own life. That means that few people understand what you're going through — that means the world hates you because your life is disrupting the human sick society. Most of us would rather remain spiritually sick than relinquish our lives and bear the reproach of changing.

Please do not be ignorant, brethern and sisters, that the heretic doctrine of a rapture that has sneaked into the so-called "Church" will happen. Only through much tribulation and change and painful disruption will we enter the Kingdom. Father will judge harshly the false teachers that have not prepared the flock for the ensuing days ahead of us. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God" (Matthew 6:33). Make that your #1 priority. That will strip you down severely to the core, and then let God add to your life. The world and the lusts of the world are passing away, but His word will remain forever. Let us become the word made flesh. Come out from among the idolatrous false church and seek Him and then He will become your Father (2 Corinthians 6:16-18). He chastises those whom He receives and those whom He loves (Hebrews 12:6). But, oh, the green pastures He has prepared for His little flock. Eyes cannot see nor ears hear, but the Spirit will reveal it to those who will dare to trust God and not man with their life.

Thank you, Father, for the babes and sucklings who understand this message and are truly of a new generation, full of truth and grace, and a heart that sings Your praises continually. Thank you that You've hidden Your Kingdom from the eyes of the greedy, and only those committed fully to You can partake of Your nature. Thank You for Your written word and especially Your Holy Spirit without whom we cannot change. He leads, guides, teaches and changes us. He is your life and our life. Thank You, and we bless You, dearest Father, Precious Jesus, and we reverence You, Holy Spirit.

Marie Kolasinski

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GREETINGS ONCE AGAIN DEAR FRIENDS.

1988 has arrived and all of us who have made it through the testings of '87 surely will find '88's challenges that much easier. There will be a real drawing together of God's people this year as the darkness gets ever greater. "Let the heathen rage and the nations imagine a vain thing" (Psalm 2). God is shaking and shaking 'til only His Kingdom remains.

Now, if ever, we cling to Him and seek refuge with people walking with the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel. Our families will be torn that He may heal the deep sickness in the natural man. Let us let go of anything that stands between us and God. We are living in an idolatrous nation. Lord, forgive us and cleanse us of our hidden idols—be it religious traditions, family or possessions, or just our old nasty self—Lord seek it out and cleanse us.

Nothing keeps the "ho-hum" of the winter season from entering in like working with our hands. Creating a quilt, a wreath for the wall, making a doll, or whatever. Surely our Father being a Creator, has placed within His children that desire to create and also that same satisfaction that He felt after each day of creation when He saw that it was good! Come join the Piecemakers family and let us help you enter the peaceful world of creativity.

On November 14th and 15th we had a most festive and successful "Piecemakers Fair". Fifty booths provided an opportunity for crafters to market their creations. Food and music and a most friendly exciting feeling filled the atmosphere.

Our next Fair will be MARCH 18th & 19th, and if the response is as we anticipate, we hope to have a fair each month with new and old crafters. Expect this festivity to grow, first locally, then nationally and then internationally. We get telephone calls and letters from foreign lands asking for all the help we can give them to start and nourish that seed of creativity, How God is bringing the world back to its simple, peaceful roots in Him! Call for further information on the "Piecemakers Fair".

The QUILT RAFFLE has been successful. We will have enough money to give away more gifts than just the quilt. Winners will be announced at our MIDNIGHT SALE, DECEMBER 23rd, also, at our JUBILEE OPEN HOUSE on JANUARY 1st. Mark this date on your calendar — January 1st, Open House — teachers present — store wide sale—Jubilee cake and coffee — and Piecemakers singers. Mix all these together with our friendly customers and the result is a warm "gemutlichkeit".

Have you ever tasted a genuine honest to goodness Hmong eggroll? On Fridays, come into the store and smell the whiff of Ka Ying's cooking. Eggrolls and tea or coffee will be served each Friday for a small fee of \$1.50.

Wanna learn "how to make" some new creations? Come to the store every day of the week of January 2 to January 9. We're all excited about the "something old and something new" things to show you — DEMOS ALL WEEK — every day. Some demos are "make one and take one". How many of you partook of our HOUSE TOURS a couple years ago? Well, we've just finished decorating the house on Stromboli where some of the Piecemakers live. We'd like to invite you all to lunch and give you ideas in "country decorating", from floors, to wallpaper to windows. We're charging a fee of \$5.50 and promise you'll get more than you would going to a movie. Please sign up ahead of time. Our first house tour will be January 10th at 11:00, on a Sunday.

Have I chatted long enough? I think so. It's been nice. Perhaps we can sit and hear from you as we lunch on Sunday the 10th.

As always, may we all learn to trust our precious Savior with our lives as we go through our "for better and for worse".

We remain steadfast,

and all the Piecemakers family