

RANSOMED HEART

LOVE GOD. LIVE FREE.

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Dear Friends and Allies,

Happy second half of November!

I am sticking to our agreement that I would not use this newsletter as a monthly opportunity for a public panic attack. I loathe those popular techniques so common to newsletters and organizational e-blasts. *“IF YOU DON’T ACT NOW!!!”* Fill in the blank—we will lose every freedom, Christianity, the universe. Not only does it feel manipulative, it is just so...godless. We don’t want to live like that.

But I did say that once or twice a year, I would make our need known to you.

Ransomed Heart is a non-profit mission. Meaning, about fifty percent of our revenue comes in through our events and resources, and the other half comes through the contributions of generous folks like you. And you have been wonderful; every year we look to God to provide, and every year he provides—through you. It’s such a beautiful story.

Our staff is small (thirteen full-timers); we have no debt; we own our building; we make very frugal decisions. We never turn anyone away who needs something we have—we scholarship many people to our events; we give tons of our resources away; we support missionaries; last week we provided interpreter services for two deaf men who attended boot camp. You’d be so proud of us!

And we are having a staggering impact. In the last few months we’ve received testimonies from Nigeria, Brazil, the Philippines, Singapore, Colombia, Poland, France—the list goes on. Comments like these are (and I take my shoes off) daily occurrences here:

“Out of a job, almost 65, and my life savings are gone. I was just about ready to yield to hopelessness when I read this newsletter tonight. The words, the message, is what I have been searching for. It has changed my life in almost an instant.”

“I want to say great THANK YOU for Your ministry. I have read 6 books [in Polish] and I am soooo thankful ! It has helped me to get out from dark valley and to find the freedom. 6 years I was tormented and attacked by devil, ... thots of suicide... It was so difficult for me to hear God voice and council. FREEDOOOOOOOM, HALLELUJA!”

“I live in an obscure little town in India, and your books aren’t available in this country, but God in all his glory brought me to your book...I hardly ever read any books related even remotely to God, but that I read and it changed my life...The wounds inflicted on a

woman, when she is told that she isn't good enough for a man, that she is ugly, worthless, useless, could there be wounds deeper than that? God is still in his process of healing me, after I read your book, things have started changing for the better...Your words had captivated me, and they made me believe that I am beautiful too. Thank you for that. God is killing my demons, and your words awakened the warrior in me.”

Our message has been translated into dozens of languages. We are in Colombian drug cartel prisons, Chinese house churches, women's prisons in Texas, platoons in Afghanistan, Catholic monasteries in Slovakia. It is being carried forward by thousands of men and women holding their own retreats, studies, events; by counselors and churches and mothers of preschoolers.

And it is one of the most stunning things in the world.

We are bringing people back to Jesus in such wonderful trueness. And the depth of the transformation, the real and irreversible healing of hearts and souls and lives is so utterly beautiful, people can't help but tell others about it.

And we are a tiny organization! We simply disciple folks and give the message away, and they carry it across the world.

I'm bragging just a bit, but I am so proud of Jesus and what he is doing here, and I want you to know your investment in us is having a staggering impact for the Kingdom of God. Financially supporting Ransomed Heart is one of Stasi and my greatest joys; it's just so fun to cut this miracle story a check to help carry it forward!

Most of our fundraising takes place in the months of November and December. We need to raise about a million dollars by the end of the year. So there you have it—we would be so grateful if you would give generously to this work. Would you ask Jesus what he would have you do? We'll trust the two of you with that!

Thank you friends. I pray it is a beautiful fall and Thanksgiving season for you.

Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name 'John'.

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