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Dear Ministry Friend and Colleague:

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope and pray that 2017 is off to a good start for you and all that is a part of your world. Since I was battling respiratory sickness during the last three months of 2016, I, for one, am glad to see that year gone.

For those who don't know, what began as a nasty cold the first week of October (during PAUSE) turned into acute bronchitis (during the Fall Tour) and then pneumonia (while attending a national AG leadership conference in FL). Only in the last week have I begun to feel "normal" again. So as I write this to you, I am thankful for the restoration of health and for the many prayers that were prayed on my behalf while I was ill. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

I have been told by my family physician and close friends that I am going to have to "slow down" (whatever that means) and accept the reality that I cannot maintain the pace of life and ministry that I have kept until now (I know clearly what that means). Naturally, this is a tough pill to swallow (pardon the health-related pun) and something I have known for some time but chosen to ignore. Yes, God's grace is more than sufficient (2 Corinthians 12:9), however, "the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." Please pray that God will give me wisdom to differentiate between the necessary and the urgent, the eternal and the temporal.

In spite of my health issues of late, God has been faithful and blessed our family in an amazing way recently. For those who have not seen the deluge of photos on Facebook, Lisa and I became grandparents again with the birth of twin grandsons just a week before Christmas. Congratulations to our daughter Autumn and our son-in-law Adam on the birth of Colton and Landon. Holding these newborn boys during the season when we remember and celebrate the birth of our Savior made the reality of the incarnation even more powerful. Thanks be to God for His goodness and the incredible blessing of these additions to our family.



Finally, I want to say once more how much Lisa and I appreciate each one of you. God has joined every member of the Appalachian Ministry Network family together *"for such a time as this."* It is an honor for us to serve alongside you for the Kingdom purposes of our Father. Let's continue to believe and seek Him for the **GREATER** things He has promised. He loves, He really does. Blessings!

For Christ and You,

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