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Dear Friends:

Give Thanks



"Oh Give Thanks To The Lord" is the masterful open to the first three verses of Psalm 136 where each of the 26 verses conclude with the triumphant refrain, **"For His Mercy Endureth Forever"**. Especially read aloud, this testimonial is a vivid momentum and faith building declaration that fosters the effusive response, "Give Thanks". Try it a few times, it is guaranteed to lift you from the doldrums and make your spirit will soar. To the child of God, giving thanks is not just a yearly November Thursday appointment, it is the very core of who we are.

While talking about giving thanks, I'd like to give thanks for last week's great meetings with our friends, Mark and Ruth Chironna. The Word was clear, precise and quite timely as Mark poured out to both LifeGate locations. Clearly, it was one of the most pivotal moments in the young history of LifeGate and we anxiously await their return.



Another neat surprise was to have our friend Ted DiBiase, *"WWE's Million Dollar Man"*, drop in. God is using the ministry of Ted and Melanie in a great way. Keep them in your prayers.

In closing, I'd like to give special thanks for the ministry and memory of our friend, Billy Joe Daugherty, who received his complete healing when his Heavenly Father called him Home last Sunday morning. Billy Joe was one of the genuine good guys who was the same gentle spirited man wherever you met him. For years, in different meetings, I saw him surrounded by the parade of gold President Watches and \$500 alligator shoes but Billy Joe was just fine with his Timex and a good pair of Florsheims. Faith-filled, feet on the ground, Billy Joe was the real deal, a true servant of God. Our love and prayers will remain with Sharon, the family and Victory Christian Center in Tulsa. Billy Joe started his Thanksgiving celebration five days before we did.

For those of us left here, enjoy the food, the fellowship and the football but don't forget the imperative central call... **"Oh Give Thanks to the Lord, for His Mercy Endureth Forever!!!"** That's something to rejoice about.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Tyler, Geoffrey, Linda and Michael