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Dear Gathered Church Friends,

Greetings to you during these long and sometimes very cold days of Winter!

I was reading this morning in the book of Mark and the interchange between Peter and Jesus at Caesarea Philippi struck me: “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” (Mark 8:29). It seems to me that this is the key question we need to ask as both individuals and church families; how do we answer the question of “Who is Jesus” based on our words and our life. As you meet together I pray that you advance the reply with the same clarity given by Peter nearly 2000 years ago.

As a fellowship of congregations we joined together to accomplish a number of ministries that would be difficult if not impossible to accomplish as individual churches:

- Monthly financial support for the Ebenezer Clinic in Haute Limbe, Haiti allowing them to employ the personnel needed to care for up to 1000 people each week. We also were able to see the completion of the hospital/in patient building and have shipped a 40 foot sea canister of medical equipment and supplies.
- Support for leadership development of young Palestinian Christians living in the West Bank and growing fellowship with our brothers and sisters of that region.
- Another phenomenal response to Kernels of Hope resulting in what will be nearly \$260,000 of food and food security support for South Sudan.
- Life Together, the first Intentional Christian Community house located in Calgary and led by Joel and Hilary Braun.
- Our first Summer Camp Team since the closure of Covenant Bible College.
- Support for important but difficult ministries in Gatineau, Quebec and on Key First Nation in Saskatchewan.
- An Israel/Palestine Study Tour that involved folks from 6 of our Congregations.

There were many more small acts of ministry – all of them only possible because people have a firm conviction to follow Jesus as the Christ and one true Lord. Thank you for your ongoing support through prayer and finance.

Yours in Christ,