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Dear Friends,

At the time of writing our last prayer letter, I wondered why I felt led to write to you about strategic and long range planning. You could tell by the detailed calendar we sent that we felt that the Lord had “nicely put His plan for us together.” You may remember that our first key thought was: **“Man Proposes but God Disposes”**

Well, we followed right down the schedule so that on Sunday night August 30, we were visiting West Hills Baptist Church in Portland, Oregon. While speaking to a group of men I looked up to see my son Jon in the back and the Pastor stated that Jon needed to talk to me right away.

Jon’s message is now the headlines of the national news. He shared that our daughter Lori’s firefighter husband, Arnie Quinones, and his captain Ted Hall,



had just perished while defending their camp during the Station Fire burning in the hills north of Los Angeles. In their sacrifice, the two officers saved the lives of 56 others from death by asphyxiation. If you would like further information you can look up lacountyfire.net/, fire.lacounty.gov, or firehouse.com.

- ❖ While we do not have “all the information,” even concerning our own events, and what we do have is changing hourly, we want you to understand how this heartache has and is affecting our immediate lives and ministry.
- ❖ First, we were flown back to Los Angeles on Monday morning and graciously picked up by Pastor Chris Johnson who will be preaching Arnie’s memorial services. It is our desire and Lori’s desire that you pray that many will be saved as a result of Pastor Johnson’s salvation message.
- ❖ We have notified IGM that we had to immediately go “off line” to assist our daughter, Lori, who is expecting her first child within the next two weeks and will need us for the months ahead.
- ❖ Right now we are preparing for 37 of our loving “East Coast” family members to arrive for the multiple services and programs. We ask you to pray for those programs, including:

Thursday	Sept. 10	12:00 noon	Arnie’s personal memorial service for family, friends and the local community at Lancaster Baptist Church Internment at Joshua Memorial Park
Friday	Sept. 11	9:45am	National “9-11” day ceremony at the antelope Valley Pall in Palmdale
Saturday	Sept. 12	10:00am	National Memorial Service for both firefighters at Dodger’s Stadium

- ❖ Due to our daughter’s immediate needs, the national reaction and large-scale government plans, we are not sure when we can plan to minister nationally or internationally, but know that we will resume in the Lord’s time.
In our previous letter we also shared Abraham’s response to the Lord’s messenger in Gen. 18:25:

“Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

The following verses from Paul in 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 14, 18 help us to heal our broken hearts.

¹³But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. . . ¹⁸Wherefore comfort one another with these words. “



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