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Greetings!!!

I am thankful for the gift of today with the snow falling outside my window. I am also thankful for the opportunity that you and God have given me to be your servant leader this year. As I have pondered the work of Emmaus in 2003, God has directed me to a simple verse in Proverbs that I would like to share with you.

Proverbs 19:21

Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

I truly believe that Emmaus is the Lord's purpose; otherwise, I would not be the one writing this letter! It is so easy to fill our lives with plans that originate in a man's heart, but this verse clearly tells us that the Lord's purpose will prevail. Our faith is reflected in our works for God - in our churches, in our community, and in SONrise Emmaus.

I want to thank each of you for the Lord's work that you will do through Emmaus this year. Many of you are on the Emmaus board or on a committee; we have two teams currently preparing for our spring walks; many of you will be asked to serve on teams later in the year; many of you will sponsor pilgrims throughout the year; and finally, many of you will help serve during walks. You have my heartfelt thanks for all these acts of service, and I ask you to continue to be in prayer about the opportunities you will have to further the Lord's purpose in 2003.

Please call on me or any of our board members throughout the year. We are here to further the Lord's purpose and your input will help us accomplish His will. Let me close with a favorite verse . . .

Philippians 1:3-5

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

De Colores!

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