

It's the most wonderful time of the year...

November 18, 2011

Dear Friend,

The Christmas season is an exciting time of the year. It has been for over 2,000 years. At **FaithSearch**, we share this excitement.

Excitement One: God with us!

The excitement all started when an angel of the Lord announced amidst a chorus of the heavenly host: "...I bring you good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" –Luke 2:10-11

"Ah-ha!" The significance of this event—which we celebrate today as Christmas—cannot be overstated. (See my newsletter article, "Do All Roads Lead to God?") This celebration arouses an excitement in our personal lives as Christians—as it should for the whole world—which exceeds all others.



The Savior's birth, announced by the angel, brought great excitement—as it does today!

Excitement Two: Executive leadership succession!



Joe Komarek

This year, **FaithSearch** International is experiencing extra excitement. God has provided an answer to our prayers for the eventual succession of executive leadership for the next generation of **FaithSearch** ministry. (See the newsletter article, "Ready for Another Generation" for more details.)

Joe Komarek, currently in full time ministry with The Navigators, has accepted our invitation to become the executive director of **FaithSearch** beginning January 1, 2012. God willing, we are going to launch the next generation of proclaiming of the Gospel with evidence together, and he will eventually succeed me. (See more details about Joe in the article "The Story Comes Together.")

Joe will immediately care for the administrative affairs of the office and staff while maintaining a personal ministry of discipleship activities and marketplace networking. I'll retain my title as President, but will focus primarily on my passions, which are U.S. evangelism and the multiplication of **FaithSearch** Discovery teachers.

Excitement Three: Discovery – The Next Generation

A bold, strategic initiative is needed to establish a foundation for launching such a venture as the next generation of proclaiming the Gospel with evidence to all peoples everywhere—under Joe's leadership. Consider the potential and the need:

1. People in the U.S. and around the world are in turmoil and spiritually desperate.
2. The need for the Gospel with evidence is immense.
3. Mission fields are open. Now.
4. Five mature and indigenous **FaithSearch** evangelists/teachers are equipped to go—and are going.



FaithSearch is launching a bold, strategic initiative to propel proclamation of the Gospel with evidence into the future.



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The EXCITEMENT of Christmas Calls for BOLD Action

YES, Don and Joe, I am excited to help launch **FaithSearch into the next generation.**

- 1) My/our **Year-End** donation: \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 Other \$ _____
 2) My/our **Next Generation Fund** donation: \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 Other \$ _____

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Jesus said, “*The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field* (Matthew 9:37-38).” Therefore, I am announcing:

The Next Generation Fund Campaign

November 15, 2011 – January 31, 2012

The Phase One goal is \$100,000, designated for new 21st Century innovations in the following:

Discovery: The Next Generation Leadership Development	\$50,000
Discovery: The Next Generation United States Ministry	\$25,000
Discovery: The Next Generation International Ministry	\$25,000

We have already received promises for \$25,000 as matching funds which will be given to **FaithSearch** if we raise another \$25,000. Your donations can potentially be doubled. What a jump start that will be for Phase One of The Next Generation Fund!

Excitement Four: Your partnership in the future

Hundreds of people have invested in the proclamation of the Gospel with evidence over the past thirty-one years of this extremely effective ministry. These partnerships have resulted in at least 70,000 recorded faith commitments to follow Jesus Christ (there are undoubtedly more which we don’t know about). This spiritual harvest comes as a consequence of the Gospel with evidence being proclaimed in sixteen countries and to more than 2,000,000 people.

You are now at the ground level of the next generation launch of **FaithSearch**. You can be a vital partner in our future in two ways:

1) Year-End Gift. We rely on to this to pay the staff and to continue our dynamic evangelism and discipleship ministry in 2012. Please be generous.

This is vitally important and the highest priority. I earnestly ask that you give the most that you can here, but I need everyone to give something—even if you think it so small that it won’t make any difference. Remember that the Lord praised and likely was intending to multiply the impact of the widow’s mite (see Mark 12:41-44).

We have at least 5,500 people on our mailing list who have spiritually benefited from **FaithSearch** ministry, but have never contributed to help us advance the Gospel. If each of these people became partners by giving a modest year-end gift of only \$15 (not even the cost of a single toy) together they would fund two full months of **FaithSearch** evangelism and discipleship ministry in 2012!

Of course we are dependent on, and deeply grateful for, the much larger and sacrificial gifts of our regular and faithful partners. We are eagerly anticipating what God is going to do through all of the friends of **FaithSearch** this Christmas!

2) Next Generation Fund Gift. We need your additional contribution (beyond your regular giving) for development of leadership and a strong foundation to initiate innovations for another generation of the Gospel with evidence.

Every gift up to \$25,000 will be matched dollar for dollar so that the first \$25,000 of donations will become \$50,000 toward the goal of the Next Generation Fund! Gifts can be matched in tax years 2011 (give in December) or 2012 (give in January)—or some in each.

I have selected the beautiful and assuring promise of God recorded in Jeremiah 29:11 as the biblical foundation for the next generation of proclaiming the Gospel with evidence:

“For I know the plans that I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.”

That’s exciting! Thank you for your prayers and your December/January investment so we can launch another generation of **FaithSearch** with confidence and success.

All of us—Board and staff—extend our warmest greetings to you this Christmas season. May it be a time of excitement and reflection as you focus on the Christ whose Life transformed ours. He is *Immanuel*—God with us. May His presence in your life also assure you of a “future and a hope” each day throughout the coming year.



Trusting in our God whose “faithfulness continues through all generations” (Psalm 100:5),

Handwritten signature of Dr. Don Bierle.

Dr. Don Bierle
President