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To the faithful supporters of the American Indian Christian Mission:

Scripture has a funny way of speaking to you at the right time and at the right place doesn't it? The following passage is one of those that has been putting itself in front of me practically everyday. *"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast."* (I Peter 5:8-10)

On behalf of the AICM we want to thank you again for all your prayers and support that you continue to give on a daily basis. I am literally amazed that everyday either calls or letters come from all over the country in support of what we are doing and the direction in which we are going. We are asking God to continue to order our steps in every way. I have been traveling from Georgia to California and parts in-between, and the story is the same. People are supportive and continuing to support despite the enemy prowling around.

As a minister of the Gospel, and as a Pastor of this flock, the children and the staff, I have an obligation to make sure that the spiritual welfare of each person here on campus is taken care of. I have the duty of protecting the staff and the children that God has blessed us with. Regardless of what the enemy is trying to do, whether it's through random websites that are out there, or letters discrediting the integrity and credibility of staff and even supporters, we have a work to do that is greater than those things. You as a supporter have a tremendous amount to be thankful for in regards to the AICM. Forty years of service to the King and winning souls for Christ is no small thing. I anticipate forty more years as we strive and continue to raise the bar and focus on Kingdom work not man's work.

Second Corinthians says the following: *"walk by faith, not by sight."* How great to know that we are walking by faith and that we are not relying on our sight for the direction. God has put some great people in place here at the mission to help and to commit their time and talents to furthering the kingdom. They are truly walking by faith. We have many students who are literally sharing their faith with their peers. They are growing in the knowledge of the LORD and then sharing it and even witnessing to their peers on the

reservation and in the dorms. My friends, God is doing some awesome things here and you are a part of it.

We are moving upward and onward in this ministry. Our Children are an absolute blessing. Many of you have been here and spent time with our kids, and you know what kind of children they are. Our staff is more unified than ever. The spiritual growth that has been occurring with our staff is a beautiful thing to see. We anticipate all our staff to be back next year equipping and evangelizing our children. The Board of Directors have full confidence in the staff and the children here. These are a great group of men to work with. I appreciate the fact that God has allowed me to walk with these men as we work together to further the Kingdom.

So please continue in what you do. I would ask you to continue to pray that we can accomplish what God is calling us to do and that we would do it with a glad and cheerful heart. Pray for us as the enemy continues throwing his fiery darts. We ask that you pray for protection and resolve. We also ask that you continue your financial support.

Although the country seems to be not spending wisely, I can assure you that we are using the gifts that God gives you to give us, are going to further His work and His plan. My friends, as a ministry, we are turning the corner and are moving on in this journey and we are so glad that you have chosen to go along with us. It is a privilege to serve this great mission as well as you, the supporter.

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Serving His Kids
Patrick Lester
Executive Director