## Hand of HELP



## Dear Brethren,

To say we are living in turbulent times would be an understatement of gargantuan proportions. Keeping up with the latest news or controversies requires checking your phone or preferred news sites multiple times throughout the day, and let's be honest, who's got time for that?

I have had to take a step back from all of it as I am working on lowering my blood pressure. Occasionally, while checking out the weather forecast, I catch a snippet of the day's "gems." This morning our governor was informing his constituents that, "There is something more important than individual freedom," making a plea for vaccination as a must for the good of the community.

Benjamin Franklin hit the nail on the head over two hundred years ago, "Those who would give up essential liberty, to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety."

A well-known news anchor suggested, "The biggest terror threat in this country is white men."

They already know that conservative Christians are most hesitant to bow the knee to their fascist, socialist, and "progressive" ideologies, and the time has come when there is a target on every one of us who stands for truth and holds the line.

We realize that many of our readers are enduring this fight right in their homes. But, it is a fight worth fighting! So, whether it be the rant of your child that went off to college and is now brainwashed to the point that you no longer recognize them or the relative that has drifted away from the Word of God and is in a church that makes them feel oh, so good, living their best life now, we hear of your challenges. But, please know, you are not alone.

The falling away is not anything new. In Jesus' time, many disciples withdrew and were no longer walking with Him.

John 6:67-68 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

This letter is an encouragement to get back to the Word of God and not fall prey to current trending ideologies. He alone has the words of eternal life. Digest current events through the lens of Scripture. Allow the Holy Spirit to permeate your entire life with truth, and remember, it was never meant to be a popularity contest.

John 16:33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

Notice how it doesn't say that you *might* have tribulation, but that you <u>will</u> have tribulation.

If you are struggling with it all, as many of us are, please know we are praying for you. Take some time to read Psalm 46 and dwell on His promises.

Psalm 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

Still and trusting in our Lord,

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## Child of the Month

Denisa R. was born in December 2007 in Botosani. In the spring of 2021, we had the joy of seeing both Denisa and her older sister, Gabriela, for the very first time and welcoming them into our home.

We still remember when they first arrived and were hesitantly going up the stairs to the first floor of our building to meet our staff; shy, patiently listening to all of us, overwhelmed maybe by all the smiles surrounding them, but ready to start a new chapter of their lives.

The girls arrived at our center after the local Social Protection Services were notified of the verbal and physical abuse that the girls endured in their home. Frightened by their mother's partner, extremely angry at the girls, and in a severe state

of drunkenness, Denisa and her older sister ran away from their house, fearing for their lives. They arrived at their grandparents' house shaking with fear and cold, wearing just their pajamas. Denisa was barefoot as she didn't even have time to put on her shoes. After this incident, the grandparents notified the authorities, who decided the girls should not risk going back to their house.



Denisa and her sister are a part of our House of Hope. The rest of our children welcomed them with open arms; they understand better than anyone else the importance of helping a new child feel loved and at home. Denisa slowly warmed up to this immense change in her life. Having her sister next to her all the time has helped her settle in.

Denisa is currently in the 8th grade, and music is her passion. She plays the violin, enjoys helping with chores, cooking, cleaning, and is very devoted to her schoolwork.

Would you please pray for Denisa as she often feels overwhelmed with all the changes in her life? Join us in asking our Lord to draw her unto Him through His Holy Spirit and give her a testimony of His love, strength, and faithfulness!

Am I a soldier of the cross, a follower of the Lamb, and shall I fear to own his cause, or blush to speak his name?

Must I be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease, while others fought to win the prize, and sailed through bloody seas?

Are there no foes for me to face?

Must I not stem the flood?

Is this vile world a friend to grace, to help me on to God?

Sure I must fight if I would reign: increase my courage, Lord; I'll bear the toil, endure the pain, supported by thy Word.

Isaac Watts