



This letter marks the beginning of our summer-long *'friend raising' campaign*. Barbara and I are often in front of a different audience week after week, from state to state and around the world. Our 'friends' have become the circle that encourages us onward! I cannot tell you what a call or card does for us. At times, it is just the right medicine. Praying friends urge us forward. And, of course, gifts from friends keep us moving forward, literally. Like most ministries, our primary support comes from friends.

In Romans 16, Paul, the apostle, sends a greeting to twenty-seven individuals, mentioning them by name. In addition, there are seven unnamed individuals or groups. This chapter is often called a 'group portrait' with Paul. No one stands alone. And we can't stand alone. We need friends. We need your help.

There is an oft told story of Billy Graham's conversion. It was near the end of a revival in Charlotte, November 1, 1939, that he recommitted his life to Christ. Mordecai Ham, the evangelist, had won hundreds of thousands to Christ. Ham was influenced by the great Wilbur Chapman and by a professional baseball player, a convert of Chapman, transformed into an evangelist, the colorful Billy Sunday. Chapman had been an associate of Dwight L. Moody. And Moody was led to Christ by a Sunday School teacher visiting the shoe store where he worked – Edward Kimball.

One layperson set off a chain of events that shook the globe. We are all a little link in God's grand chain to save a shipwrecked world, one life at a time.

Would you become a 'friend – a donor or prayer partner with me? Use the enclosed form to respond or go online to: www.projectpray.org/friends.

You can become a friend advocate as well. We can send you a couple 'friend packets' (a colorful folder with an interactive CD) and a book or two of your choice to give away to friends who might be interested in supporting our efforts.

Pray for our 'friend raising campaign.' Our goal is 500 ministry partners. Would you become a critical and valued member of that group? Join us today!

Blessings,

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