Dear Friend,

When Voice of Prophecy’s founder, H.M.S. Richards, was a young evangelist, he would often walk up the hill near his home in Glendale, California. There on that hillside, he would visualize the millions of souls searching for something to make life meaningful, and he would ask the Lord to help him speak to all those longing hearts. That’s what led him to go on the radio.

But even when his messages were being heard all over the world, he never stopped climbing that hill and praying for his neighbors.

Recently as the plane I was on descended in darkness toward Los Angeles International Airport, I pondered the millions of lights shining up from the city that has grown exponentially since 1929. And I began to pray for the souls represented by those lights.

In the years since Voice of Prophecy began broadcasting, the challenge of reaching souls for Christ has grown. There are so many different cultures represented in a city like Los Angeles, and even in tiny towns scattered across the
continent. Presenting the gospel to people with so many different backgrounds is difficult, even with the technologies we use today that go far beyond radio.

But it can be done! Let me tell you the story of Roy and Freddie.

Roy is a long-time friend of Voice of Prophecy who lives in the Los Angeles area. He loves to talk to people about Jesus, and to enroll them in Voice of Prophecy’s Bible School. Whenever Roy got a haircut, he would turn his conversation with Freddie the Barber to spiritual things. When Freddie began asking questions about the Bible, Roy provided him with Voice of Prophecy Bible lessons in Freddie’s native tongue: Farsi.

That’s right, Freddie is an immigrant from Iran. He and Roy enjoyed comparing their religious backgrounds, and found they had a lot in common. Over the years as their friendship flourished, Freddie came to love Jesus as much as he loved his friend Roy, and when Roy introduced him to his pastor, the three of them began studying the Bible together. Then on Christmas Day 2009, Freddie was baptized, rejoicing as his sins were washed away by his Savior Jesus!

I’m so pleased that Voice of Prophecy had a part in helping Roy win a friend for Christ. Isn’t it amazing how the gospel breaks down barriers when it is presented by loving and lovable Christians?

If you share my concern for reaching people of other cultures, perhaps you’ve heard of the work of Dr. James Appel and his wife Sarah in the African nation of Chad. We featured their work recently on our radio program. This dedicated young couple feels called to demonstrate the love of Jesus to people living in an Islamic nation.

Dr. Appel has written a book called...
Children of the East, which tells Bible stories with special attention to Abraham’s “other” grandchildren — the descendents of Ishmael who are mentioned in the Bible.

I’d like to send you a copy of Dr. Appel’s book — I think it will give you a new appreciation for the power of friendship evangelism and God’s love for people of all cultures. When you send a donation of $25 or more this month, we’ll send a copy of Children of the East as our thank-you gift.

I love stories of people who reach out and touch their neighbors with the love of God, and I know you do too. Thank you so much for the way you support Voice of Prophecy in reaching out through the airwaves, through Bible studies, and through friendship evangelism. Your support is very important to us — especially as we enter the summer months and bring our current project in Alaska to a glorious conclusion. We are already seeing lives transformed through friendships established by church members sharing Voice of Prophecy Bible lessons. Please keep that outreach in your prayers, especially during May and June.

Again, thank you for helping us touch the world for Jesus.

Sincerely,

Connie Vandeman Jeffery
Associate Speaker

P.S. Please prayerfully consider how your gift this month will help bring the gospel to people of all cultures all around the world. When you donate $25 or more, we will send you a copy of Dr. Appel’s fascinating book, Children of the East. You may send your gift online at www.vop.com/give. Just be sure to write Children of the East in the Comments box if you would like a copy of the book. If you’d like to listen to our radio interview with Dr. Appel, ask for a copy on the enclosed card or in the online Comments box.