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Dear Pastor Bias and church family:

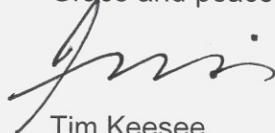
As I traveled and wrote the *Luke's Dispatches* films, I saw how the Gospel doesn't only connect people in Christ from across continents and cultures but also across the centuries. Because Jesus is alive, the same Message that was at work in the first century is still powerfully at work in our day—one Gospel, one blood-bought Family.

That's why I love to read the book of Romans. While it is rich doctrinally, there also is a wonderfully personal side to this book, especially in the lengthy postscript—Paul's P.S.—in chapter 16. I love this chapter because in it Paul connects us to many, many of our first century brothers and sisters in Christ. He begins by commending to the church Phoebe, a trusted woman who likely delivered the epistle to Rome. And then he sends warm greetings to Aquila and Priscilla, a couple who had "risked their necks" for Paul's life. (Since beheading was a common form of execution, this was no mere expression!) Paul then goes on to greet with fond remembrances Epaenetus, Mary, Andronicus, Junia, Ampliatus, Urbanus, Stachys, the family of Aristobulus, Herodion, the family of Narcissus, Tryphaena, Tryphosa, Persis, Rufus and his mother, Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, Olympas—and many other unnamed saints. Paul adorned the great doctrines of Romans with a parting glimpse of his heart, expressing his love for those with whom he served and prayed and even suffered.

I feel the same way as I write to faithful friends of this ministry each month. Your friendship, care for souls, concern for the advance of the Gospel, and financial and prayer support sustain us. All of these things mean more to us than we can say. And so, we at the Frontline office send to you our love and greetings, just as the apostle Paul did to his beloved fellow laborers long ago.

God bless you.

Grace and peace,



Tim Keese
Executive Director

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