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"Our Eleventh Year"

Dear Friends and Partners:

Happy New Year! And I pray that 1992 will be the best year of your life.

Several months ago I began to plan to write this letter -- and it is the most difficult one I've ever written to you.

For some time now our gifts and contributions have fallen to the point that we have not been able to pay two salaried employees and have barely been able to keep the doors open.

Therefore, I feel it is time we had a very personal, heart-to-heart talk about the future.

During the past 10 years I can remember about four occasions when I wrote to you and informed you that our financial situation was critical. Each time we weathered the storm and were able to continue.

As God is my witness, I've never cried "wolf" but always have done my very best to give you a clear and exact picture of our circumstances.

Now the situation is so critical that unless we have a substantial increase in support it will be necessary for us to close our doors before Spring.

Please join me as we pray that God will lead us into his perfect will for us for the future.

There are some things that could happen that would help us survive. Among them are the following:

1. There may be those of you who plan to put this ministry in your will and you could go ahead and finalize those plans.
2. There may be someone -- or you may know someone -- who could give this ministry and endowment, or place this ministry as the beneficiary of a trust, and that would save this ministry.
3. There could be a substantial increase in giving among our people and that would help us get back into the mainstream of the fight for academic freedom.
4. Or, someone may have an eleventh-hour word from the Lord on how we could raise the funds necessary to continue.

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