



Christ is risen!

He is not here;
for he has been raised. —Matthew 28:6



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Dear Members and Friends,

If you don't laugh, you cry. How could our whole world get into so much trouble so fast? A Canadian tourist overheard one American say to another, "I think all Americans should invest in America. But how do we get the Chinese to sell it back?" Another U.S. citizen commented, "I don't know how much I have in the bank. I haven't shaken it recently." Debt and death are hitting us hard.

I was reminded of the short life of Jesus in the flesh on our planet. He had spent His years loving people who needed His help, instruction and healing. Then for all of His giving to others He was abused, beaten, nailed to a cross and brutally murdered. No wonder the sun shrouded its face at noon-day and darkness covered the earth. Love, truth and goodness were put to death and all hope was gone. People were heart-broken, grief-stricken and incurably depressed. The Giver of Eternal Life was dead! How irrevocable is that?

Are you there today? Multitudes are. Jobs lost, homes gone, health failing, dreams shattered, wars persist, terrorism continues and loved ones are taken. How can we carry on? Why even try? The Psalmist provided the answer,

"WHY ART THOU CAST DOWN O MY SOUL? HOPE THOU IN GOD: FOR I SHALL YET PRAISE HIM." (Psalms 42 & 43)

Our all-loving, all-knowing, all-powerful God is full of joy and surprises. Let's go back to Jesus and His death on the old, rugged cross. They buried His body that day in a borrowed grave. However, three days later our omnipotent God astonished an unbelieving world. The apostle Paul put it this way:

