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“The days are coming,” declares the Sovereign Lord, “when I will send a famine through the land — not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord.” (Amos 8:11)

Dear SoldOut Movement (ICC) Family,

It is a great honor for me and Patrique to accept the servant roles of Chancellor & Vice-Chancellor of the International College of Christian Ministries (ICCM). We are grateful for the Morenos, Kernans and everyone who has pledged their support in this transition as we move forward with a renewed vision and passion for this powerful ministry. It is our prayer that God will guide us and our team to further expand the theological direction of ICCM as we equip those who *“hunger and thirst for righteousness.”* (Matthew 5:6) It has been a privilege to be part of the foundation of faith that established ICCM on all six populated continents of the globe since its inception in 2012. We are confident that this institution will further equip disciples of Jesus as we dream to evangelize the nations in this generation!

In a world of humanism and false doctrine, the need for deep conviction, personal righteousness and advanced Biblical training are vital. We are dedicated to ensure that ICCM will stand firm as a theological beacon for God’s new movement as we all *“watch (our lives) and doctrine closely.”* (1 Timothy 4:16) Qualified disciples will be trained and evaluated through their effectiveness in ministry and academic knowledge to *“proclaim the whole will of God,”* such as preaching, shepherding, administration, and serving the poor through our movement’s benevolent arm, *MERCYworldwide*. (Acts 20:27) An important objective for our staff in the New Year will be to further develop each of these essential areas of ministry. Please pray for God to strengthen our efforts to educate the next generation of spiritual leaders who will be *“humble, holy and hungry”* to serve the kingdom of God and win this lost world. Patrique and I have been inspired by a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. which spoke of the sincere goal of every educator. It simply states,

“Intelligence plus character, that is the goal of true education.”

Family, as we begin this new chapter of ICCM, let us glorify the LORD with not only our Biblical understanding, but with an integrity of character that is proven genuine in Christ. From our family to yours, have a very Merry Christmas!

Venia et Veritas,

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