

October - 2020

Dear Friends,

With this letter you should have received a 2021 daily planner, and we pray 2021 will be a better year than 2020 has been. However, we know God is working His plan in spite of man's choices, and it is our great hope this daily planner will help remind us all to hold on to Him each passing day. Every year I talk about it being a blessing God has made a way for us to produce this calendar and continue to send it free of charge to all who request it, but if you're reading this letter it stands so true this year words cannot describe! Governments, in the name of public safety, have hindered the Gospel in so many ways this year it's hard to list them all. It is also sad that so many of the roadblocks they have put in our way will not change no matter how much their current excuse for putting them there changes or fades. This is what we see in the history of the world and our day is no different. Thus, I would ask each of you to stop right now and give God thanks for the calendar you hold in your hands. I don't say that because it is our calendar but because of what it represents. We take far too much for granted in our lives, but each day we are free to praise The Lord, grow in His ways, and share that with others is something to be very thankful to God for. In short, I'm saying what Paul told Timothy in II Timothy 4:1-7. Make good use of the days we have left!

Feedback

As always, if you have questions or just general feedback you'd like to give, remember the electronic survey is available on our website by visiting www.livingspringsinstitute.org, click on "Learning Center," then "Calendar Project." You can also just write or e-mail us at anytime. We always appreciate any feedback those who use our materials are willing to share, and your feedback is always confidential.

Counting The Days

For those new to this project, *Counting The Days* is the companion book for the calendar. Many of you already have this book, but for those of you who do not have it but want a copy, all you need to do is order one! We've tried to make it as easy as possible. Inside each 2021 calendar there should be a pink card you can use to order *Counting The Days*. Simply check the box on the card and it will only cost you a stamp to send it to us and request your free copy of *Counting The Days*!

Also, remember that the companion book is part of the general materials available to order from Living Springs, and this means the book is available to order no matter if one does or does not have a pink card! If you know someone who does not have a calendar but wants to order one and would also like the book, please let them know it is cheaper for us if they order both at once. Ordering both at the same time will save them postage as well as Living Springs!

This also means those ordering multiple copies of the calendar, who truly believe the individuals they are giving them to would like the book, should let us know how many companion books they want sent along with their 2021 calendars!

Yellow Card

If you sent/send in the yellow card for the purpose of letting us know you want the next year's calendar, we automatically put you on the list of those who will get the next year's calendar when the pre-orders go out. The only reason for this not to happen is if you send in your yellow card after pre-orders have gone out. In that case, your calendar will be sent as soon as your order is processed. It is also good to remember, each year's calendar is sent automatically to those who subscribe to *Shaqah* by regular mail, and remembering that should save subscribers postage. With that in mind, remember that as a regular print

Shaqah subscriber, if this calendar is not something you are interested in receiving, please take a moment to use the yellow card to let us know, and we will put that note on your subscription information.

Not A Subscriber and E-mail Subscribers

If you're not a subscriber or are an e-mail subscriber to *Shaqah*, that's when the yellow card really comes in handy. You can simply use your yellow card to tell us you want the following year's calendar, because if you do not tell us, you will not receive one. In short, we can't send calendars to those we may not have a current regular mailing address on file for, or to those who have never given us one.

If you're reading this letter and you're not a regular print subscriber to *Shaqah*, nor did you order a 2021 calendar from us, you likely got one because someone has sent this year's calendar to you as a gift! We want you to know this has not added you to a mailing list, and we will not continue to send calendars year after year unless you order one, or someone continues to request it for you! If the calendar is not something you want, please use the yellow card to let us know you do not want the calendar, and we will do our best to keep that on our records. Be sure to put your name and address on the return address portion of the card. Both of these are important as we do not want to refuse requests for other people who might share your name, and please be aware that if your address changes, we may fail to identify you in the future!

More Calendars

Now, we've already covered this to a degree, but for those who would like to give one of these calendars to others for witnessing, as a teaching tool, or just to share with a friend as a gift, simply write or e-mail us to order more. You can also visit our online Resource Shop. The drop-down menu gives you a chance to order up to five, because, as with all our materials, we do our best to provide these free of charge. This does not mean we are unwilling to provide more than five, but for larger quantities, we simply ask that you make the request directly. This gives us the ability to handle bigger orders on a more personal case by case basis, and assures we have the right information from you. If you would like more than five calendars, you can still use the Resource Shop form by simply making your request in the comment box!

PDF Calendar

Never forget there is also a PDF version of this calendar which is available for download from our website. You can print this version for yourself, or to give to others. For reference and study purposes, you can also download the PDFs of all the previous years we've produced. Just visit www.livingspringsinstitute.org, click on "Learning Center," then "Calendar Project," then the PDF calendar icon.

I close this year by saying, privacy policy dictates I can not give her name but I still want to mention, we lost a dear friend this year; a woman who was such a great help to, supporter of, and loved this calendar project. We look forward to the day we will see her with The Lord, but as I write this year's letter, the thought we will not be giving her a 2021 calendar makes me recognize what a hole she has left. We say thank you to her and to all of you for taking part in this ministry! As God continues to make a way for us to offer these calendars, and *Counting The Days*, free of charge, we will continue to do so.

Sincerely,



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