

October - 2022

Dear Friends,

With this letter you should have received a 2023 daily planner. As many of you are painfully aware we have been running behind since the events of 2020, but one of the biggest challenges we face now is the increase in price for supplies as well as availability. We have done our best to keep the 2023 calendar at the same level of quality and look you've all come to know. However, we want you to be aware you might see some changes due to this. I think most of you would agree what's most important is that we keep these calendars in production and so we will use the supplies we can get to accomplish that as best we can! As for running behind, in some ways we made progress in catching up in 2022 but we're still not fully back on track. As I write this year's letter I can't say for sure if we will get pre-orders out any better than we did last year, but as soon as the calendar is ready we will go down the list of those who have sent in yellow cards and the pre-order white cards. We will then continue to fill any specific orders for the 2023, and as always send all the remaining subscribers' calendars with the Nov/Dec issue of *Shaqah*. In the end, it is our desire everyone got/gets their calendar in as timely a manner as possible. No matter where your order is in this process we are glad we could provide you with this resource, which we hope reminds every believer that our walk with God is meant to be a day by day relationship that will never end!

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, we are still trying to make it as easy as possible for you to get one. Inside each 2023 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 2023 calendars!

Yellow Card

As already mentioned, 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. No matter when yellow cards are received your calendar will be sent as soon as your order can be processed. Thus, if you've sent in your yellow card there is no need to send back a white card in order to get your 2023 calendar. The only exception to that is if you believe it's just been so long we might not have gotten your yellow card. 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 saves subscribers postage. Also, 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 automatically.

If you're reading this letter and you're not a regular print subscriber to *Shaqah*, nor did you order a 2023 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, 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

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 can still 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

As always, 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, all previous years we've produced are also available to download in PDF. Just go to www.livingspringsinstitute.org, click on "Learning Center," then "Calendar Project," then the PDF calendar icon.

In closing, I want to thank all of you again for the encouraging words we've received this year. As I said in last year's letter, they mean more to us than you can know! This world grows ever darker as we approach the return of Christ, but that is exactly what Jesus told us would happen. (Matt. 24:37) While Jesus' words about it being as the days of Noah are something I've taken to heart since childhood, I don't know if any of us could be prepared to experience it firsthand as we are now. In 2023 let's commit ourselves to encourage one another in The Lord and continue in prayer for each other. I repeat again this year, we will continue to offer these calendars, and *Counting The Days*, free of charge, as long as The Lord makes a way. Thus, a big heartfelt thank you to all of you for your prayers, support, and for taking part in this ministry!

Sincerely,



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