

**REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS, AGAIN I SAY,  
REJOICE!**

Our heartfelt greetings to all of you, beloved partners and friends. May the peace of God which passeth all understanding keep all our hearts and minds in Christ, our Lord!

(Philippians 4:4-7)

I (Hansi) am writing this letter one day after the election finished and I think of millions of Americans who feel jubilant and other millions, mainly praying people, who feel stunned and let down. There has been so much prayer, e-mail, accusations, truths and lies, church involvements and demonstrations of various kinds for many months, that my first reaction was a sense of relief that the conflict has been settled, at least, for the time being! Election time has never been a time I look forward to, ever since I came to America and witnessed the first election. It was so new to me that people were allowed to pick their own government leaders and in the process say anything they pleased about anything and anyone. I puzzled why it all had to be so negative; why couldn't everyone just state what they planned to do and let the people decide whose program seemed right?

I still wonder the same thing, but by now I understand why the matter isn't as simple as picking a favorite candidate for the next four years! It is a super-natural conflict for the souls of a people!

I had my nightly audience with my Lord again last night, because this whole last election has been so very ominous to me!

I watched millions of the younger generation throwing their heart and enthusiasm to a charismatic speaker who came out of nowhere, from a background that had no wealth or a big name to prove anything, but that in America anyone can become president! We Americans are very proud of that fact and we should be! The thing that troubled me was the message

presented. America needed change! What kind of change?

America has been for more than 200 years a beacon of light and hope to the nations, showing that a life of freedom for the common man is possible as long as he knows how true freedom works. It is built upon the inner control of every citizen who knows right from wrong, good from bad, and lives by an ethic which teaches how to make right choices and also takes the responsibility for his or her choices. I have watched through many past elections how the American liberal media has tried to erase the moral signposts of the Christian-Judeo ethics, by which our forefathers founded our nation. I also wondered how our young people could know right from wrong after prayer was taken out of schools, the 10 Commandments ridiculed, while major Christian denominations are questioning the inerrancy of the Bible?

America did what Israel did as we read in Judges 2:10 "...and there arose another generation after them (their elders) who did not know the Lord, nor yet the work which HE had done for Israel." Didn't the elders teach them? Last night the Lord showed me the reason for the happenings of this last election.

If former elections were muddled or hard to analyze, this election gave America a clear-cut choice! Would people vote their pocketbook or the future murder of many more millions of unborn babies? When the Lord brought in a courageous Christian woman, out of nowhere, who fearlessly declared her faith in God and her "right of life" position by having her autistic baby and her pregnant teenage daughter up at the platform with her, the Lord forced an issue upon the American media, which they had tried to ignore. The candidate of their choice had blocked the "Born Alive Infant Protection Act" legislation that would require hospitals to care

for infants who survive abortion. He singlehandedly defeated it as a state senator in 2003, but voted "present" (neither "yes" nor "no") on the state senate floor. However, he always spoke against it! His church belongs to one of America's most stridently pro-abortion denominations.

I come from a background that has left me unimpressed, even disturbed, when large crowds follow a charismatic leader who promises full pocketbooks. Hitler came in because of the bad German economy and the nation was fooled by the prompt improvement of finances (after he took over) which promised prosperity. The land of the Reformation became the land of the Holocaust because the German nation betrayed her Christian heritage. Yes, and Hitler brought abortion to a systematic level and declared the killing of unborn babies a national duty, if the pregnant woman was interfering with the superiority of the Aryan race! What is America's excuse? Well, our American masses have made a clear choice – and where does it leave those who have prayed, believed, hoped and voted according to Biblical principles?

If we have prayed much before election day, we need to pray more than ever after the outcome! We must continue our pleading for mercy for our judgment-bound nation. Yes, we shall pray for our authorities and the new president, because God has told us to do so! (1Tim. 2:1-2)

As for the "Remnants" of Believers who are the Body of Christ on this earth, we must pray more, spend more time daily with our Lord and open our hearts to the Holy Spirit, to be prepared for good or evil times ahead! If the economy improves, let's get out of debt! If the economy worsens, let's learn to live in a simplified lifestyle, for God's people are never alone or forsaken! God will always take care of HIS kids.

As for the two candidates who "lost" the election, I praise God for the witness they gave

not only to the American people but to the wide world that life is sacred from the beginning. (When John the Baptist leaped in his mother's womb when the mother of Jesus with Jesus in her womb came to visit, is the Bible declaring a moment of awe or the kick of a worthless fetus without a brain?)

We need to pray for those who won and those who lost in this election. In heaven's eyes earthly losers are often God's triumphant winners! May all of us be counted as victors as we finish our race for Christ.

Shalom Shalom

Hansi and Betty

*We wish you the most blessed Thanksgiving. May God give us all a grateful heart.*