

## **KIP & ELENA McKEAN TO TAKE SABBATICAL**

Dearest Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Since September 11th, the darkness of Satan expressed in terrorism and the fear of terrorism has enslaved many around the world. However, we in the Kingdom of God see this insecurity and confrontation with mortality as God's spiritually waking up not just America, but all nations. We believe the prayers of all the disciples are moving God to work through the world leaders so that their decisions will ultimately result in unprecedented spiritual revivals even in previously difficult and closed fields.

During these days, Elena and I have been coming to grips with the need to address some serious shortcomings in our marriage and family. After much counsel with the Gempels and Bairds and other World Sector Leaders as well as hours of prayer, we have decided it is God's will for us to take a sabbatical and to delegate, for a time, our day-to-day ministry responsibilities so that we can focus on our marriage and family.

The challenging task of leading the Los Angeles Church, now numbering over 10,000 disciples, will be given to Marty and Chris Fuqua and Peter and Laura Garcia. They will be assisted by Andy Fleming in the role of Congregational Teacher and Tammy Fleming as Women's Ministry Leader. Andy and Tammy will also begin leading the Middle East World Sector, which we have led for the past two years. The congregational elder couples (the Bairds, Webers and Williams) will continue to shepherd the evangelists and the entire flock. As the Spirit led through the five prophets and teachers in the great Antioch Church in Acts 13, Elena and I are absolutely confident that this group of six couples will triumphantly lead Christ's Church in LA to "even greater things." Our all-powerful God and Father will continue to guide His global movement through the prayerful consensus of all of us that serve as World Sector Leaders.

Elena and I are deeply moved that the Gempels will now start splitting their time and efforts between LA and the HOPE worldwide headquarters in Philadelphia, US. They will join the Bairds as influences on our family. Their collective influence earlier in our lives provided us with incredible strength and guidance. Please continue to pray for us and our family. Pray fervently for the leadership of the Kingdom locally and worldwide as well as for the governing authorities in every nation. Pray and petition God that He will turn upside down the Satanic events of September 11th, so that His Spirit will give birth to a new era of unequaled harvest in every nation. Finally, pray that each disciple is comforted and filled with a peace that passes understanding because their faith is sure that God is in control of the nations and His Kingdom. And to God be all the glory. Amen.