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Dear Friends,

I am grateful for our work together in bringing God's Word to people's everyday lives. This is especially important for our youth. Recent statistics show:

- 1. In 2021, 57% of high school girls reported "persistent feelings of sadness or hopelessness in the past year," compared with 29% of males (CDC, 2022). Three out of ten girls seriously considered suicide, and 13% have attempted (CDC, 2022).
- 2. Teens generally express significant religious and spiritual uncertainty; 45% believe that "many religions may be true," while 23% see no or little truth in religion (Pew Research Center, 2020).
- 3. The majority of teens report daily use of online platforms such as YouTube (77%), TikTok (58%), Snapchat (51%) and/or Instagram. About one out of five describe their use of YouTube, TikTok or Snapchat as "almost constant" (Vogels, Gelles-Watnick, & Massarat, 2022).

The mental and spiritual health of young people is critical. Your gifts have allowed us to develop two key resources to help reach young people: Reclaim Today reaches 1.3 million people each month and the Our Daily Bread Ministries Instagram account has more than 1 million followers and 7,000 Bible-driven posts. Both resources share spiritual truths young people desperately need.

Your support leaves a legacy for a hurting and lost generation. May we continue to encourage the next generation and give them tools they can use in their daily lives.

Boldly unhindered (Acts 28:31),

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Matt Lucas, D.A. President / CEO