



Divine Love Newsletter

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FROM THE EDITORS

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we are happy to bring you another newsletter regarding the activities of the global Divine Love community. The past couple of months have been a wonderful time of fellowship. Rev. Helge Mercker sponsored the first ever retreat in Namibia where the attendees were showered with blessings from our Heavenly Father. Those participating said that they grew closer to God and each other, and shared the Love with everyone they met. Indeed, this is what spiritual retreats are all about. The retreat at Indio was no different. Sponsored by Revs. Holly Bianco and Joan Warden, with the assistance of Revs. Patricia Doyle and Eva Peck, the retreat was a true "Love Fest". Over twenty Divine Love sisters and brothers from the USA, Canada, and Australia attended and enjoyed music, singing, dining, day excursions, a candlelight healing ceremony, and of course, heartfelt prayers to our Heavenly Father for His Divine Love. Many thanks to the retreat organizers. Your efforts have facilitated healings and blessings for many of our dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

This newsletter issue also features an insightful article by Ron Shoemaker, *Nurturing the Seed of Divine Love*. Ron reminds us to keep God's Love active in our souls. Terry Adler and Catherine Koch give us an update on Uganda projects sponsored by *Love Is The Answer*, a Canadian-registered charity helping orphaned children in Africa.

To all our readers, we send you prayerful blessings for soulful progression in the Divine Love and manifesting the Kingdom of God here on earth. You are important to us and we love you. We each have a God-given purpose and mission which includes being examples of God's Love and Light to the world of mortals and spirits. Love yourself, and be gentle with yourself. Above all, as Ron suggests in his article, soulfully pray for the Divine Love as often as you can. Ask God to see yourself through His eyes, and humility will come into your heart and peace to your soul.

Many thanks to all our contributors for their support. We always welcome readers' comments, as well as inspiring stories, project updates, retreat reports, articles, personal Divine Love reflections or experiences – anything that you think would be of interest to other Community members.

Past issues of the newsletter can be downloaded from the [Divine Love Community portal](#) (username: *members*, password: *DivineLove*) or from the new [Divine Love Sanctuary Foundation website](#).

The Editors

Contributions can be emailed to the editors at editors@fcdt.org
(Michael Nedbal and Eva Peck)

DIVINE LOVE COMMUNITY MAP

The [Divine Love Community map](#), (username: *members*, password: *DivineLove*), has nine churches/prayer groups, 26 ministers, and 78 Divine Love souls registered. If you or your group would like to be included on the map, please send us your email address, location and a picture (editors@fcdt.org)



PRAYING ACROSS THE MILES

- Al and Jeanne Fike welcome you to pray with them – in person or simultaneously from your home – every second Monday in Gibsons at 5:30 pm Pacific Time, and alternating Mondays at Barb’s in West Vancouver at 6:30 pm PT. Prayer requests are welcome. Contact [Jeanne](#) for more details.
- The Divine Love Ministry invites you to join them for a Sunday Service on Skype at 10:45 am Hawaii-Aleutian Time. Services consist of music, prayers, reading, and channelled messages. Please contact [Michael](#) for more info.
- Tim Foley has a Meditation class in Sonoma, California every Monday at 6 pm Pacific Coast Time. For more information, please contact [Tim](#).
- Groups are also meeting monthly in South Wales, UK; Germany; Abbotsford, B.C., Canada; and Namibia. For meeting times and dates, click [here](#).



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- [Eric Worthington](#) is seeking a **Divine Love medium** that can receive a message for him as he needs some guidance and pointers on mediumship. He asks this from the bottom of his heart and in the service of love.
- Eugene Harris, in a Californian prison, has studied and enjoyed books from the church and even held for a time studies with fellow inmates. He would like to have **letter contact** (he doesn’t have email) with other Divine Love followers. If you would like to write to him, his address is: AS-1362, Valley State Prison, A1-11-4Low, P.O. Box 92, Chowchilla, CA 93610, USA.
- Joan Warden is working on The Prayer for Divine Love Translation Project with Ian Nicol for his website [Truth for all People](#). Besides English, the Prayer now has authentic translations in Chinese, Spanish, German, Danish, Norwegian, Czech and Dutch. If you can write in another language and would be willing to **translate the Prayer** and to share it, please contact [Joan](#) or Ian through his [website](#). Thank you and God bless.

RETREATS REPORTS

Soul-Safari Namibia, April 4-18, 2017 (Terry Adler)

When Helge Mercker visited Arie and Marion Hordijk in Frankfurt in early 2016, she and the Hordijks held a Divine Love workshop. It turned out so amazing, that Helge was inspired to host a similar workshop among her own people. A year ago, she issued the invitation for a “soul safari” in Namibia. Arie and Marion were the first to commit, with myself and Kevin O’Neill doing so soon after.

Helge set four main objectives for the Namibian gathering: 1) to host a Divine Love workshop at her parents’ home in Swakopmund that would be the start of an on-going prayer circle; 2) to pray together with the staff of Omaruru Children’s Haven; 3) to facilitate an interdenominational prayer gathering in Drimiopsis, bringing together pastors of different denominations, their congregants and other community members to pray for Divine Love with the intention of making this a regular event; 4) to pray for a portal of Light to open up over Namibia through which God’s Healing Love could pour onto the land, its people and its creatures. With the help of God and countless Angels, all four goals have been achieved!

On April 8th, fourteen people participated in a day long Divine Love seminar at the Merckers’ gracious home in Swakopmund. The next prayer circle was held on April 22nd at 3 pm.

On Easter Sunday, about 200 people with five pastors of various churches gathered for prayer in Drimiopsis. Helge explained that the purpose of this prayer circle was not preaching, but for each person to long from his/her soul for the Divine Love, then to stay in silence for a short time and listen for God's response. Prayers were said by each pastor, as well as by Chief Ita and myself, each followed by a short period of silent prayer. Then everyone was invited to pray aloud, from the heart and soul. The circle concluded with beautiful harmonic singing. The spiritual condition built was powerful and intensely healing. These prayer circles will continue on a monthly basis, with dates and times to be announced.

On Easter Monday morning we began our usual group prayer with Arie reading David Lampron's 2008 channeling of Mary Magdalene, because the message exactly captured the hopes and intentions for our soul safari. During the prayer, Helge saw Paul conducting a huge gathering of spirits, including many Namibians. She saw the dark, manmade conditions over Namibia and God opening a great portal of Light over the land. Light was pouring through in great waves, coming into all of us. It was a deeply moving experience!

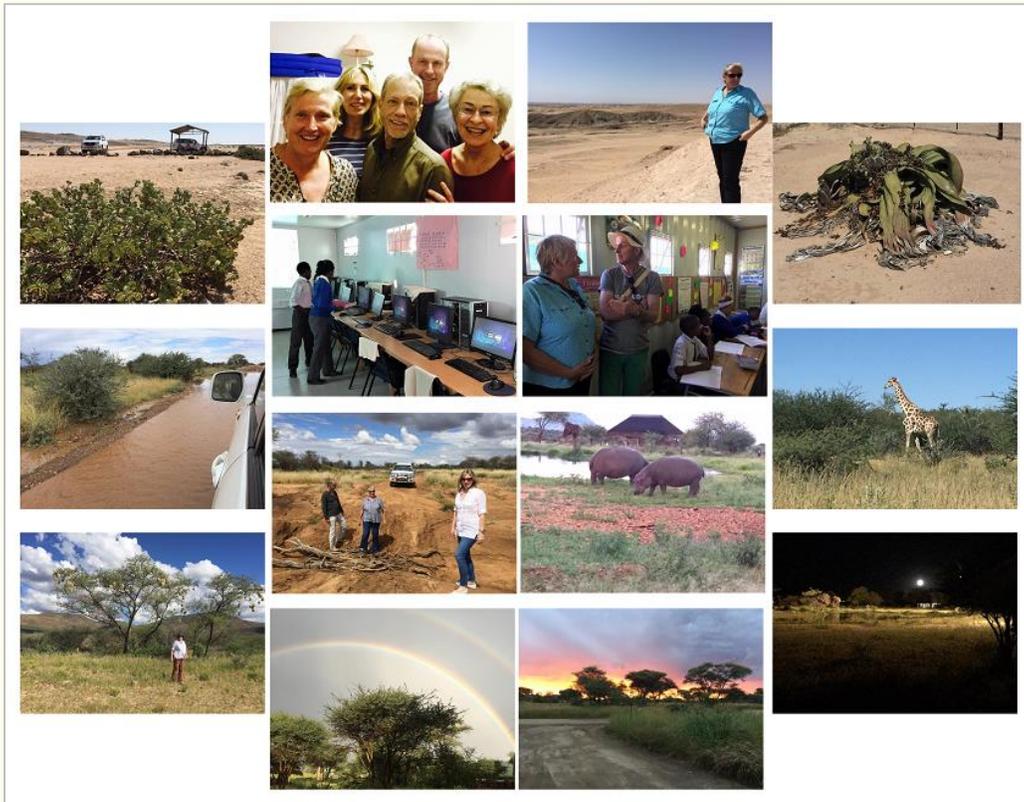
Not only have Helge's objectives been realized, but each of us has grown spiritually in our relationship with God and one another. Wherever we went, we tried to bring God's message of Love.

Helge shared her love for the land by taking us on walks along the ocean shore and on the sand dunes, and by introducing us to the desert with its amazing life forms, as well as to the wildlife of the savannah and mountain ranges. We visited the Mondesa Youth Center serving more than 100 children, and the Omaruru Children's Haven, home to 28 orphans, where Helge worked as administrator for a year. At both places we witnessed inspiring examples of Love in action.

Spending the better part of three days at Drimiopsis, we saw how Pastor Jeremiah and his wife Lydia, with minimal resources, provide an excellent preschool experience for orphans; witnessed the soup kitchen in action; and facilitated an Easter egg hunt on the nine acres of land granted to Children's Sanctuary Namibia by the Government. There Helge envisions not only an orphanage for orphans and vulnerable children, but a sanctuary where community children can come to learn, play and grow. I have no doubt that with God's Guidance, our help and that of the Angels, Helge and her sisters in the Love (Chief Ita, teacher Theresa and others) will succeed!

The constant togetherness of our small group gave us many opportunities for spiritual and healing conversations. We each strongly felt God's Presence in our prayers, in interactions with every soul we met, and in the time we spent in nature and on the donated land. We prayed with many people from diverse cultures and spiritual beliefs, appreciating them without judgment, and feeling God's Love flowing to them. Each of us experienced soul awakenings on this journey of our souls that we were blessed to take together! I will remain forever grateful to Helge for her invitation, her care of us, and her example of Love in action!

The original version of this article with follow-up comments and reflections is on the [forum](#). All of Terry's photos with comments of the Namibia Retreat can be seen on the Facebook group page [Divine Love Reunions 2015 and Beyond](#).



Top to bottom: The dessert; Visiting the Mondesa Youth Center; On the way to and through Erindi Nature Reserve; Rainbows, sunsets and the full moon. (Photos by Terry Adler)



Top to bottom: Land for orphanage building; Children lining up for photos and food; Drimiopsis prayer gathering with local pastors; Life Skills program graduation; Easter Sunday activities; Donated play equipment; Adult Bible Study class in Drimiopsis; At Helge's family farm; Dinner party with Helge's siblings and partners (Photos by Terry Adler; graphic arrangement by Eva Peck)

Indio, California, May 7-12, 2017 (Eva Peck)

Over twenty Divine Love seekers from the USA, Canada and Australia accepted the invitation to God's Divine Love "wedding feast" in Indio, CA. On May 7, they excitedly gathered in Holly Bianco's Penthouse at the beautiful WorldMark Resort with the anticipation of four days of prayers, presentations, singing, sight-seeing, fellowship, fun and feasting.

The Penthouse became a bustling bee hive throughout the week with sharing of hugs, thoughts, insights, and experiences. An atmosphere of love, joy, peace, and cooperation prevailed as acquaintances were made or renewed and friendships deepened. Divine Love was palpably felt and healings experienced.

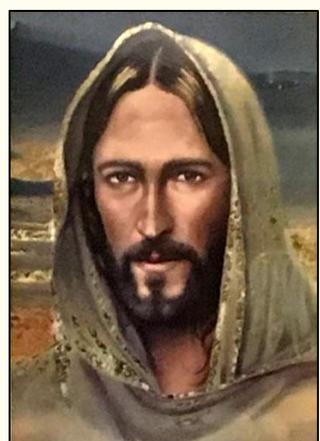
A spirit of generosity and service was present with those who had written books or produced music CDs sharing them for free or a voluntary donation. Many worked hard before and during the retreat to make the occasion a success.

On her "vision quest" in driving from the state of Washington to California, Patricia Doyle was blessed on the last leg of her journey with a special picture of Jesus, which, with two of her other art pieces featuring Jesus, added to the ambience of the meeting room. Eva Peck's set of "God Affirmations" from the Bible decorated the walls reminding participants to focus on our Heavenly Father. The coffee table decorations of candles, cut-outs of doves and the blessings bowl (presented to Holly by Al Fike at the start of the retreat) symbolized light, peace, the Holy Spirit, and prayers for those in need.

On the second night of the retreat, a special Candlelight Healing Ceremony was held. During the ceremony, our beliefs were reviewed, prayers recited, and candles were lit by each participant for their own or others' healing. Geoff Cutler, who is a healer, supported by the rest of the group, performed a healing on each person.

After the morning prayers, participants benefited from short presentations. Eva Peck guided the group through two EFT/tapping routines (EFT is a useful energy modality involving tapping on acupuncture points). Patricia Doyle shared about Radical Forgiveness, as well as a profound personal experience. Maureen Cardozo guided the group through an exercise on befriending the soul. Holly Bianco enlisted actors from among the group to enact several of Jesus' parables. After the prayer circles, Kristin Lortie led the group in an enjoyable stretching and back rubs routine.

The weather, while for a couple of days cooler than expected, remained pleasant throughout the retreat. Those who wished to explore the area took nature trips to Joshua Tree National Park, Mt San Jacinto via the Palm Springs Aerial Tram, the local zoo, and Shields Date Garden. Relaxation opportunities offered by the resort included a gym, a spa, tennis courts, two swimming pools, several hot tubs, a Lazy River, as well as the possibility of walks on the edge of a golf course. Maureen Cardozo also led those interested in yoga.



Provided by Patricia Doyle during the retreat.

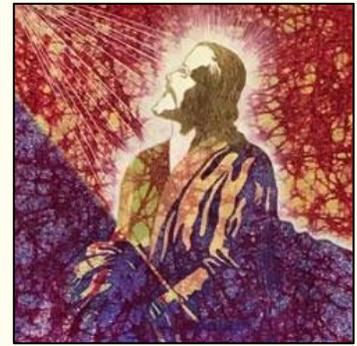
Attendees enjoyed abundant, healthy and delicious meals at affordable cost. Meals ranged from Subway salad sandwiches to Mexican bean dishes, to chicken and beef roasts with salads and vegetables. Left-overs provided more than enough for the last day of feasting.

On the last evening, Tim Foley and the Divine Love Singers treated the group to a music performance of his compositions, as well as other songs with audience participation.

After four full days of spiritual and physical festivities, attendees left the resort recharged and ready to spread God's Divine Love among those they'll interact with back home.

Thank you, dear Heavenly Father for answering our pre-retreat prayers and blessing us so abundantly. May we truly glorify you in our day to day choices and walk in Love and Grace.

You can see the retreat pictures on [Facebook](#) (If you can't access the page content, send an [email](#) to Eva). The original version of this article with follow-up comments and reflections is on the [forum](#).



Created and brought to the retreat by Patricia Doyle.



NURTURING THE SEED OF DIVINE LOVE (RON SHOEMAKER)

I stood under a giant sequoia tree for the first time, staring transfixed, trying to take in its immensity. Nearby, lying on the ground, was a sequoia cone, less than three inches long. Curious, I bent over and picked it up. Surprised how small it was, I opened it and discovered the tiniest of seeds.

Later in life, in a moment of repose, I recalled that first experience of standing at the foot of this immense wonder of nature. Remembering the awe the tree engendered and how small and non-descriptive was its beginning, I marveled at the potential ensconced in each seed. Residing therein rests the source of what makes a sequoia tree unique. Thinking further, I realized that if each seed had the right conditions of sunlight, moisture, warmth and soil quality, it would germinate and develop into an icon of nature, a fully-grown giant sequoia tree.

Further consideration led me to see the natural love as a seed planted in the soil of each human soul. This seed carries the essence of what it means to be human – the capacity to love one another as we would like to be loved. Like the sequoia seed, the natural love needs an environment that will allow and encourage its manifestation. Without this, the qualities residing in the natural love will find it difficult to express themselves. When our surrounding conditions are hostile and don't provide a safe haven, it can become hard, if not impossible, to treat others the way we would like to be treated. If our focus is on personal survival, characteristics such as self-centeredness, arrogance and vindictiveness will likely find fertile soil.

The sequoia seed is destined to always produce a sequoia tree when the right conditions are present. By contrast, humans have a free will to choose whether or not to become loving individuals. As young children, we don't have set feelings and thoughts about the uniqueness of our country or family. In the process of growing to adulthood, we accept the assumptions and traditions that history brings to our time. As these beliefs become a part of our being, we decide how to interpret the events of history and which values to hold dear. Each person can participate in choosing their destiny and the path taken.

When I first became aware of the Divine Love as distinguished from the natural love and sought to receive it, I wondered why I wasn't more conscious of its presence. Eventually I came to realize that the Divine Love, like the sequoia seed and the natural love, also needs an environment that will allow and encourage its development. The newly arrived seed of Divine Love requires conditions that are compatible with its manifestation. Otherwise, it can become stagnant and inactive in my soul.



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The Prayer Perfect states: "Let us never cease to realize that Thy love is waiting for each and all of us, and that when we come to Thee, in faith and earnest aspiration, Thy love will never be withholden from us". "Thy love will never be withholden from us". This is what I call the "*Great Promise*".

The human soul can be likened to a house with several rooms, with each room having a purpose. The quality of each room is like a window into the soul. Assuming I had come in faith and earnest aspiration, a seed of Divine Love should have found a room in my soul that was compatible to its existence – a place it could call home. So why was I not more aware of its presence?

When I hiked into the back country to camp, I always gathered wood for a fire. In starting a fire, I would prepare the kindling, strike a match, and attempt to light the wood. There always seemed to be the proverbial ember underneath the kindling that glowed, but didn't light the wood above. To help, I would get low to the ground and gently blow a breath of air towards the glowing ember, watching as it became more and more intense, until suddenly, it would break into a flame and ignite the wood.

The Divine Love can be seen as the glowing ember, and prayer as that gentle breath which helps keep this authentic Love from God in my soul active and open to growing.

When that small ember of divinity found a room in my soul that was harmonious with its needs, it was like the new kid on the block having to deal with the well-established order of suppositions, feelings and thoughts. With the complexity of the human being, there are many demands of everyday living requiring resolution every day. These include, but are not limited to, the lingering, but unnecessary anguish of injustices.



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Without the necessary conditions, this small ember of Love could become buried under the multitude of needs and desires seeking to capture my time and energy. With my mind's capacity to reason and rationalize, I am free to make decisions independently of the needs of the newly arrived ember of Divine Love. I might feel that the acquisition of material wealth is a worthwhile goal. Or I can dedicate my time and energy to the pursuit of intellectual knowledge, or campaign for a political office. This, in addition to the urges, needs and desires of my physical body, along with other interests and hobbies, could make for a menagerie of incessant demands seeking to influence my daily and longer-term priorities. In such case, the ember of divine essence might be placed on the back burner and even become inactive.

So, if I want to feel the presence of the Divine Love in my soul, it becomes my responsibility to create an environment that allows and encourages the qualities of the authentic love to flourish – the ember's warmth to light the fire.

Prayer, whether formal or informal, even a break in the daily routine for a moment, helps to intensify the ember's glow till eventually it will break into a flame of faith, flooding the room it occupies with light. As the fire of self-sustaining Love becomes all encompassing, filling every nook and cranny in the room it calls home, it will seek to occupy an additional room. Upon becoming dominant in the new room, it will then seek to add another room, and another and another until it possesses the whole soul.

As the Divine Love fills all parts of my soul, the vestiges of old assumptions – the old guard – are gradually replaced. This authentic, self-sustaining Divine Essence, the once new kid on the block, becomes of such vibrant intensity that harboring a feeling or thought of ill will toward another will be impossible. Qualities such as vindictiveness, arrogance and selfishness will be forever obliterated, never again to raise their ugly heads, and only love – unconditional love – will prevail. As God's Love begins to fill our souls, we will pass from the shadow of His Love into the real experience of It and find that we have been touched by infinity in all of Its purity, intensity and richness.

MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Congratulations to **Rev. Jan Blackwell** on being ordained in March as a minister in the Foundation Church of New Birth.
- **Gemma Miller** was accepted into the FCDT ordination program. **Thomas Blackwell** was accepted into the FCNB ordination program. We congratulate them and wish them success for completing the training.
- **Eva Peck** has published her small book, *Salvation* in paperback format. It can be pre-ordered at [Amazon](#) or [downloaded](#) as a free PDF book.
- **Jane Garthshore** recently published a [website](#) about the book she channelled entitled *For the Love of His Own Creation: A Novel by Yeshua ben Yosef*. The website has links to electronic versions of the book available as free downloads, as well as giving history of the book and new messages from Jesus as they are received.

SPREADING THE LOVE IN UGANDA (CATHERINE KOCH AND TERRY ADLER)



Photo supplied by Catherine Koch

Here are some of the new projects of *Love Is The Answer* – LITA – registered in Canada as a Charity and in Uganda as a Non-Governmental Organization.

1. LITA is supporting an *Agro Vocational Rehabilitation Training Centre* in Dokolo District that caters to orphans, teenage single mothers, and children living in poverty. Local youth are trained in collecting and converting aluminum scrap into cheap saucepans, for which there is great demand.
2. In Northern Uganda, a non-profit organization *Solace of Hope* is building a senior school. They have molded and fired their own bricks and constructed the school to the window level. LITA will provide support for the cement, labor and material required to construct the school up to the roof line.
3. *Mama Kevina*, a private Catholic School with 800 students has received five servers that were donated to LITA during Catherine's last visit to Vancouver. For every \$1000 donated (to pay for necessary components), each server can support five computer stations.
4. LITA's music program is thriving at *ACIO's Canaan Primary School* and has great potential for expansion to other schools if the required budget of \$2000 for a year of instruction is raised.
5. In 2017, LITA is supporting 36 students, ranging from pre-school to university. LITA continues to receive requests for supporting orphan children at all stages of their education.

If you'd like to contribute to the above and/or other projects, please visit LITA's website loveistheanswer.ca. Your loving donation will help LITA continue their work of changing lives in Uganda.



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Jesus explains the phrase: He that liveth and believeth on me shall never die.

I am here, Jesus.

I was with you tonight at the meeting of the Christians and I saw that you were thinking of several things that I had written and wanted to tell the preacher of my truths. But of course you could not. He took a bit from the Bible which I am credited with having uttered and I did, but I did not mean exactly what he explained it to mean when I said "he that liveth and believeth on me shall never die" I meant that the man whose soul was not dead in sin and believed in the truths that I had disclosed, that is that God's Divine Love was waiting to enter into and fill his soul with its essence and substance and that man by prayer and faith received that Divine Love, he should never die. That is he would become immortal as God is immortal.

No mere belief in me as Jesus the man or as the son of God is sufficient to give a man eternal life for while he must believe that I was sent by the Father to proclaim the great truth that He had again bestowed on man, the possibility of obtaining this Divine Love by his prayers and faith, yet unless he believed this and became the possessor of this Divine Love, he could never claim eternal life.

I wish that the preacher would pay more attention to the truths which I taught, that is, those truths which showed men the Fathers Love waiting to be bestowed and the way to obtain it, than to my personality.

I, Jesus as the son of man or of God, do not save any man from his sins and make him at-one with the Father, but the truths which I taught and which were taught me by the Father are the things that save.

I know that the preachers attempt to explain these things by the light of the Bible as they understand that light, but so often it is so obscured that instead of preaching from light they preach from darkness.

For these reasons among others, I am so anxious to declare to you my teachings of these truths that the world may know what truth is, and what the individual must do in order to attain eternal life or immortality.

I know that you are anxious to do this work, and that your soul is trying for the inflowing of this Great Love and the enjoyment of a close communion with the Father. So keep up your courage and trust in the Father, and the end of your worries will soon cease. I will try with all my power to bring about this opportunity for your receiving my messages and believe that very soon I will succeed.

So believe in my love and my desire for your success.

Your brother in Christ,

Jesus.

