

OPEN FORUM

The letters in the "Open Form" of the March/April issue, which responded to Joseph Allen's earlier article on the "just war" theory, were helpful and thoughtful.

However, the reality of the "War on Terrorism" is with us. Now the central question for a nation that launches an attack under the just war rationale is: Will that nation invest as much expense and personnel in rebuilding as it did in destroying?

Indeed if the U.S. spent as much on humanitarian [minus military] foreign aid as it does on national defense, the terrorists would have no cause around which to rally support. Time will tell how just our just war really is.

Keith I. Pohl
Mason, MI

We write in affirmation of Rev. Robert E. McAuley's article on *The Prayer of Jabez*. He did a thoughtful and articulate job of identifying the concerns our own reading of the book occasioned.

John and Jennifer Collins
Seneca, KS

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for the superb job that you and your staff are doing with *Circuit Rider*. It has improved so much and it is especially helpful to have a theme and a page such as "What Can Your Congregation Do?" The March/April issue on issues impacting children is excellent. All three of our adult daughters work professionally with issues pertaining to children and youth, and I will be sending each of them a copy of the *Circuit Rider*. There are so many important connections between what the church is doing and what non-

profit organizations are about around the same issues.

It is so often so easy to complain and also so easy to only "think our thanks" and never pass that word on. I decided that I needed to share my appreciation and my gratitude with you. Thank you for what provides new energy with each and every issue. Keep up the good work!

Marla F. Kauerz
Denver, CO

I am responding to the commentary on *The Prayer of Jabez* (Jan/Feb).

One of Dr. Wilkinson's major points in the book is that "Your hand would be with me." He invites the reader to dive into God's will so deep that he would become fully dependent on God to fulfill it. It is an invitation for a closer walk with God, not a request for personal gain. Certainly Dr. Wilkinson's life shows this faith. In three years his WorldTeach has grown to 39 nations with 7,982 teachers. This is certainly beyond the capability of one man and brings glory to God. His life is an example of what he writes and of that which honors God.

[Even] before the Sept. 11, 2001 tragedy, the United Methodist Igniting Ministry was showing its advertisements nationally and a simple book by a Christian of another denomination was on the best seller list. In these two ways and many others God was providing new spiritual winds to help us as a nation through the event that changed our history.

I hope that our denomination can learn from *The Prayer of Jabez* and Dr. Wilkerson's fresh insights on faith and vision. And as the work of WorldTeach grows and more people learn of God's Word, I hope that Dr. Wilkinson will

learn from our denomination. Meanwhile Jabez will be cheering *all* of us on in heaven. And may God receive all the glory.

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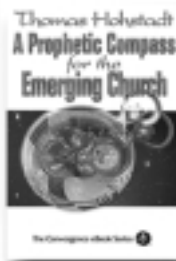
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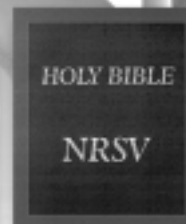
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