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**“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”—John 13:34-35 (NIV)** Why is it so very difficult to love others? Why do we let jealousy get in the way? Several years ago, a new position opened up in the office of The Small Business Training Center, over which I am the director. One employee, in particular, was well suited for the new position, and he seemed well liked by the rest of the staff. He had worked for the organization from its very early years so was also well known. So I promoted him. But another employee, in particular, instantly became jealous as his position was now above hers. For the last two years, there has been an undercurrent of friction that has affected the entire staff. It has recently surfaced in a way that is tearing apart the unity of the staff. I can no longer ignore the destructive atmosphere in the office. Pray for me for wisdom from above as to how to handle these two very dear people. Neither of them are believers, which adds another prayer request for their souls.

Your prayers are so important. As you pray, remember that God is working and answering. An ongoing prayer request is for the cooperation of the four organizations operating in our building. Two of them need more space. One has solved its problem by renting space in another building. The other one seems to think it should be allowed to take over the entire building, and the remaining organizations need to move out. In order to facilitate your prayers, I am including a picture of our building at the left. As you pray, please remember the 300 plus students, faculty, and staff who enter this building on a daily basis. Their souls matter!.



In order to facilitate the issues within our building, a vice president from The Mission Society, Jim Ramsay, will visit our field the end of February. Please pray for him to have wisdom and discernment from above.

Pray also for another visitor from The Mission Society's home office, Darrell Whiteman, as he visits Kazakhstan for the first time. It will be a delight to have both of these men with us.

On a positive note, I taught table manners to four classes in Friendship School for the past two months. They were told from the beginning that, if they met two conditions, their reward would be a lunch in a very nice restaurant. Three of the four classes

achieved their goal. The fourth has been given two more months to try to improve. When I first talked with the restaurant administrator about my plans, she was not pleased as she had previously had bad experiences with children. But she agreed. After the second group's visit, she was already raving about how well mannered these children were. In her words, they were "rare." The truth is that I had been praying much about it, and God was in control. Praise His Name! You can see one of our groups pictured on the right.



On my knees before my Savior and Master,

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