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Dear Friends of Koinonia Partners,

Perhaps you have heard by now that Clarence Jordan died suddenly on October 29 while working in his "writing shack" out in the field behind his house. He was buried in a pine box on the farm the following day by his family and a group of friends.

While every one of us feels a deep personal loss, this is truly a time of rejoicing because of the beautiful life Clarence lived and for the fruits of his discipleship that continue today.

The letter you recently received from Clarence was dated and mailed only two days before his death. You will recall that in his letter he shared his hopes and vision for the future. He was crystal clear in stating his belief that the work of Koinonia Partners was just beginning. Please re-read that letter.

Clarence also made his thoughts known to Millard Fuller in a letter he wrote prior to the trip he and Florence took to Africa in the Spring of 1969. He told Millard "In the event of the death of either Florence or me, or both of us, it is our desire and wish that all of the resources of Koinonia Farm be used to further the work of Koinonia Partners as outlined in the new charter and by-laws. We believe that this work is of God, and we want to encourage you and all concerned to give yourselves devotedly and unreservedly to it in the spirit of Christ."

Each of us wants to respond in the spirit of Christ. We are confident that the Spirit of Partnership incarnated in the life of Clarence Jordan WILL continue as we are faithful to the ideas of the New Order about which Clarence spoke so often and so eloquently.

Will you give us your hand as we move on? We need you more than ever before.

Yours in a spirit of partnership.

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