



**Christian Emergency Relief Teams**  
*Saving Lives & Healing Hearts Since 1974*

# SPARKING A FLAME OF HOPE!

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**Dear Friend of CERT,**

Team members, medical/dental supplies, emergency surgeries, well drilling equipment and supplies, boats and motors...the list goes on and on. There are so many hurting people and so many ministry needs that sometimes it can seem overwhelming.

However I know that no matter how great the need, our God can move His people to rise up to meet it. So I am writing to you now to ...

**...SPARK A FLAME OF HOPE!**

The Bible is filled with stories of hope and overcoming and victory. In the Old Testament book of Nehemiah we read the account of the Jewish people after the Babylonian invasion of Jerusalem. The spirit of the Jews lay in ruins as did the walls of the city. **Their needs were great and they had no hope.**

The Jews needed a leader to give them a plan and to... **SPARK A FLAME OF HOPE**...that had long been extinguished. That's where Nehemiah came in.

Nehemiah was only a cup bearer for King Artaxerxes but God had a plan to use Nehemiah **because he put God first in all he did.** Nehemiah was just a regular person but one who had a great love for the Lord and was willing to be used of God to accomplish His great purposes.

**At stake are the lives of children, youth and adults, both physically and spiritually.**



God gave Nehemiah a vision of how their great needs could be met, He **SPARKED A FLAME OF HOPE IN THE PEOPLE**, and He brought together all of these sources that were needed to meet those needs. **What an Awesome God we have! And what great things can be accomplished when His people simply trust and obey!**

At this time God has made the leadership of CERT aware of great needs around the world. And God has given the leadership of **CERT A VISION** for how those needs can be met. And I have **FAITH** to believe that wonderful friends like you will partner with us in this **VISION and that God will receive much glory!**

Our talented and dedicated teams of volunteers who go with us to remote mission fields are a vital part of what God does through CERT. However **you also fill a vital and important role.**

**Your prayers and generous support are needed now.** God has revealed needs that He desires to have met. **Specifically, I need you to prayerfully consider helping in one of the following projects:**

1) We are committed to paying for **surgeries** needed by four Indians discovered on the most recent CERT mission into the Amazon. Past experience leads me to estimate that the surgeries, plus transportation from the jungle to Cusco or Lima, and lodging and meals for a family member(s) accompanying the patient, **will cost approximately \$1500 for each patient. That is a total of \$6,000 for the four surgeries.**