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We sincerely wish goodwill toward anyone who seeks the truth about the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and we earnestly pray for God's guidance to anyone that bravely steps out by faith to "try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." (1 John 4:1).

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