



# A Personal Word from Ern Baxter

In the fall of last year, it became evident that Ruth and I were to move to California, where a number of fellowships had asked us to take some oversight in what God seemed to be doing among them. When we shared our conviction with the other brothers on the board of Christian Growth Ministries, Charles Simpson, Derek Prince, Bob Mumford, and Don Basham, they concurred with the move. While we have only been here in California a short time, it has already proven extremely fruitful, and we have every reason to believe we are moving in the mind of God.

I feel that my main purpose in being here is to answer the call of a group of Christian leaders who felt that out of my years of experience, I could serve them effectively in counsel; and that's what I'm endeavoring to do with several men of various occupations and in a variety of areas. We're seeing a number of exciting developments as a result of all these growing relationships, and it's very gratifying.

I am also grateful for my continuing relationship with Bob, Don, Derek, and Charles, and especially thankful that even though we're now in California, that fact doesn't diminish the joy and strength of the relationship with which we are blessed. Neither does it lessen my continued involvement in *New Wine* and Christian Growth Ministries as a member of their respective boards.

On the more personal side, Ruth and I are getting settled in all right. With Christmas and New Years, as well as a speaking engagement over those holidays, we experienced some minor delays, but we're settling in fine. We have really appreciated those who have prayed for us during this time. We've been wonderfully received here and served and blessed. Our reception here couldn't have been any warmer—it's been reminiscent of the way we were received when we moved to Ft. Lauderdale.

After being away from the West Coast for a few years, I'm enjoying the chance to adjust to it again, although I'm at the stage of ministry where geography is farther down the list in terms of importance. But the thing I'm most excited about is that we have come here in response to God's guidance and that we are here in the will of God.

In Christ Jesus,