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Dear Links Player,

Can you believe it? Even though we have lived through so many years in our lives, it is always a bit surprising when we suddenly find ourselves staring at the holidays. Maybe this is especially true in the parts of the country where the seasons change late and the warm weather holds on even into winter—you know, the places where we all love to go to play golf. I hope the plans you are laying for the season ahead weave the wonder of Christ, the joy of family and the richness of life into a time that brings health to your soul.

At Links Players, if we were to speak of the core of our work, we would probably do no better than to say that we are about that very thing: bringing health to the souls of men and women.

Consider:

All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5: 18-19, ESV)

When, as those who know and love Christ, we take up the ministry of reconciliation—explaining to people who are not in Christ that their sins have no eternal weight when they are carried on the back of the Lord Jesus—we are indeed offering health like no other for their souls. What an amazing opportunity we have to be involved in this incredible work!

While we hope that you, too, are able to be this kind of minister in your own community or club, at the same time we thank you for your recent gift to Links Players, allowing us to take something of a lead in this endeavor. Through your partnership, we are able to challenge and encourage more men and women to talk to their friends, and specifically to their golfing friends, about something they need far more than a birdie on the course or even the camaraderie that comes in the clubhouse after the round. What they need, if their soul is ever to rejoice, is the soul-healing power of Jesus Christ.

Come to think of it, as you are assembling your gift list for the Christmas season, what better gift can you pray for on each person's behalf than that they know what we already know: the excellence of King Jesus?

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