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To: Extraordinary friends

From: Esther Meek

Re: Longing to Know

I hope this finds you well, and well into 2004. The days get lighter earlier and invites us to sing with the birds at the prospect of spring.

Next week in Nashville

Next Tuesday I head for Nashville for several speaking opportunities that Kevin Twit, RUF Campus Minister at Belmont University, has graciously orchestrated for me. I get to talk to artists with Matthew Perryman Jones, pastors with Stuart Latimer, educators with Belmont Dean of Student Andrew Johnston, people engaged in a church plant in East Nashville with Craig Brown, philosophy students at Belmont, and RUF chapters at Belmont and at Vanderbilt with Brian Habig. If you are interested in participating in these, please contact Kevin at kevintwit@comcast.net.

Esther meets Ravi Zacharias?!

Last week Ravi Zacharias International Ministries contacted me to explore my coming for a day to their headquarters in Atlanta to discuss my work. I am thrilled at this prospect, feeling its great honor, and the delight it would be to lend support to such an effective and powerful outreach for Christianity.

DC, Lancaster, Philly, and Charlottesville in January

My times in D.C. and the Delaware Valley in early January, and later in the month, in Charlottesville, VA, thrilled me with many chances to talk with people about LTK and about life, in living room desserts, over coffee at Starbucks, or to more formally gathered groups, as at the College Perk Coffee House in College Park, Maryland, and at the Center for Christian Study at UVa. Exceptional and personally encouraging networking opportunities included members of the C.S.Lewis Institute, Mike Metzger of the Clapham Institute, Geoff Sackett and Mark Seeley, each on staff with Reformed Theological Seminary.

Mars Hill Audio and World Magazine

While in Charlottesville I enjoyed lunch with Ken Myers (amazing—the voice has a body!) of Mars Hill Audio. My September interview with him appears in the Journal's next issue. In Philadelphia I met Andre Seu, writer for *World Magazine* who had featured LTK in her article. As I signed her rainbattered, noteridden copy of LTK, she said, "Esther I can't tell you how this book has changed my life; it changes everything! Thank you."

Epistemology for the Workplace Seminar

Also in January I piloted a business seminar, *Epistemology for the Workplace*, with 50 of my friends participating and also helping me envision possibilities for the future. In the seminar I developed LTK's ideas as 4 basic tools of knowing already in our toolbox, which we don't know we have or need to know how to use. I called them

- **Integrating:** scrabbling from clues to a pattern
- **Indwelling:** climbing into and living from the world, the words, and your body
- **Inviting:** living in expectation of the real
- **Including:** creating space for humans to know

Several people expressed that the seminar opened their eyes to their own hidden potential for knowing, in the workplace and in all of life. I am grateful to several people who have supported and continue to encourage me in this. I plan to offer EFTW II in a month or so. I am looking for opportunities to adapt and present this knowhow in a business. Would you be interested in knowing more?

T-shirts and mugs??

I keep toying with the crazy idea of a line of LTK merchandise! I could buy the little LTK guy on the front cover for \$150. I'd love to have Tshirts (blue, of course), and mugs that have the little guy on and say, Ordinary Person, Loving the longing, I know..., Epistemology for the workplace, Longing to know..., etc. So tell me how crazy you think this is. Do you think they would sell?

Longingtoknow.com

An immediate and urgent personal goal is to improve my website! Jim graciously set this up for me, but I have yet not made a point of learning what I need to know to keep it fresh. I think it is extremely important that I do so, and I want to make this a priority this next month.

Story of the month: knowing knowing leads to knowing Jesus—as it should!

The award for best story of the month goes to my conversation with a man beside me on the jet from St. Louis to Pittsburgh. We shared destinations and professions, which led naturally to the topics on which I would be speaking in Charlottesville. An engineer, he exhibited ready interest in the ideas I had recently taught in the business seminar. As a former Catholic caring for his wife and her M.S. of a decade, he was ready to hear and embrace the gospel. Talking about epistemology in the workplace led a worker back to Jesus. It was a joy I hope I always remember to see his face melt as his heart softened. The end result included his resounding confirmation of the value of my work and its application to business, including the theology part, ready encouragement that I was doing the right thing (just keep moving! he said), and his promise to pray for me.

Please rejoice with me, and pray with me that *Longing to Know* will bring healing and hope to people in many pockets of culture. Know that I am interested in exploring networking and speaking opportunities that you might connect me with. Dream with me, and stay in touch!

Loving the longing,
Esther