

**Are You Building
Up the Church?**
Romans 15:30-16:16 (NIV)

***Romans 15:30-33** I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.³¹ Pray that I may be kept safe from the unbelievers in Judea and that the contribution I take to Jerusalem may be favorably received by the Lord's people there,³² so that I may come to you with joy, by God's will, and in your company be refreshed.³³ The God of peace be with you all.
Amen.*

***Romans 16:1-16** I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church in Cenchreae.² I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of his people and to give her any help she may need from you, for she has been the benefactor of many people, including me.³ Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus.⁴ They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them.⁵ Greet also the church that meets at their house. Greet my dear friend Epenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in the province of Asia.⁶ Greet Mary, who worked very hard for you.⁷ Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.⁸ Greet Ampliatus, my dear friend in the Lord.⁹ Greet Urbanus, our co-worker in Christ, and my dear friend Stachys.¹⁰ Greet Apelles, whose fidelity to Christ has stood the test. Greet those who belong to the household of Aristobulus.¹¹ Greet Herodion, my fellow Jew. Greet those in the household of Narcissus who are in the Lord.¹² Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, those women who work hard in the Lord. Greet my dear friend Persis, another woman who has worked very hard in the Lord.¹³ Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother, who has been a mother to me, too.¹⁴ Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the other brothers and sisters with them.¹⁵ Greet Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas and all the Lord's people who are with them.¹⁶ Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings.*
