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Dear Fellow Investors and Friends of ADF:

As we begin to sense that the economies and financial markets of the U.S. and some parts of the world are stabilizing, many of us are beginning to rethink our investment goals and strategies (again). Having experienced the pain of lost wealth and witnessing the seismic effects of recent events on formerly-trusted institutions and principles, we have been forced to evaluate an important aspect of our financial picture: risk. Since every investment carries some degree of risk, it is important to understand the kinds and extent of risks you are willing to take and then learn to manage them.

There are many types of risk to consider, such as market, inflation, reinvestment rate, default (credit), liquidity, political, and exchange risks. You can help offset the risk in any one investment by spreading your money among (and even within) several asset classes (e.g. stocks, bonds, cash, real estate, etc.) since market forces don't normally influence all types or classes of investment assets at the same time or in the same way. Unfortunately, in the markets we've experienced over the past year or so, most asset classes converged to losses because of the extraordinarily bad economic and financial system environment. ADF, which fits well within the cash or fixed income class of investments, was a notable exception, providing stability of both interest income and principal. However, the principle of diversification remains a fundamental one for financial planning.

In addition to the above, it is very important to understand your own tolerance for risk. This involves not only your personal desire to assume risk, but your financial ability to endure it! The former involves your own personality and feelings. The latter has to do with your age, stage in life, how soon you'll need the money and for what purpose, and your financial goals. While this seems obvious, there are many folks who haven't given adequate attention to their risk tolerance and have gotten in far more financial trouble than they could handle.

ADF requires that every investor receive our "Offering Circular" before investing. That document is prepared annually and is filed with state securities regulators where required. It includes our audited financial statements, extensive financial and other relevant information, and a discussion of risks. Every year, we also send an annual report to every investor and we try to communicate regularly with you through various means. We want you to be fully informed about our ministry and how we are doing.



Thank you for the confidence you've placed in us, and for your ongoing partnership with this ministry and those we serve. We believe you are making not only a Kingdom investment, but a stable investment that provides competitive rates of return and is suitable for helping you achieve your financial and stewardship goals. We are also grateful to the Lord that we continue to enjoy financial strength in liquidity, reserves, and capital.

Please [let me know](#) if you have questions, comments, or prayer requests. They are most welcome.

Sincerely,

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P.S. You can review current ADF rates [here](#).