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Dear Friends,

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We are off to a great start in 2023. A tremendous amount of progress was made this month. The Lord gave me patience to finish almost all the reports that are needed for our annual Board of Directors meeting that will be held on March 25. **Please pray** for the Board and I to have wisdom as we make our plans for this year and beyond.

I mentioned last month that the **New Covenant Bible Church, St. Charles, Illinois, sent \$25,000+ for Ukraine relief** that was collected in their Christmas offering (what a great idea as a church event). Our present strategy has become to **do everything we can to help Ukraine get through the winter**. After May, we can re-focus as the situation probably changes drastically by then. With this strategy in mind, we have begun to use this money in the following way:

- a) **Salvation Church**- focus on aiding internally displaced people (IDPs)- refugees staying in Poltava (150,000)
 - 1) **\$11,000**- purchase 25 KW generator to power Christian Center during uncertain electricity availability
 - ** **\$3,000/month** is already being sent (on top of \$25,000) to support 15 workers who minister to the refugees
- b) **Born Again Church**- focus on delivering relief to military and people stuck in occupied areas (mostly East)
 - 1) **\$2,000**- finish paying debt on purchase of delivery van
 - 2) **\$1,600**- support driver who delivers relief (dangerous) during February-May
 - 3) **\$1,600**- fuel for delivering relief during February-May
 - 4) **\$1,600**- purchase of sugar and cooking oil (to supplement international aid) during February-May
- c) **Cross of Christ Church**- helps local IDPs and delivers relief to oppressed areas and the military
 - 1) **\$1,100**- support the Pastor (who also does the driving) during February-May
 - ** **\$125/month** is already being sent for work as church planter since many years before the war
 - 2) **\$1,600**- fuel for delivering 2 tons of food/month (obtained from western Ukraine) during February-May
 - 3) **\$1,600**- fuel for delivering 1.5 tons of clothing/month (same source) during February to May
 - 4) **\$3,200**- fund 2 medical/evangelistic clinics per month (180 free eye exam/eyeglasses) during February-May

Besides these main categories, our Christian Brothers and Sisters continue to minister in too many other ways to list in this letter- including ministry to the injured military who return to Poltava to be treated/confined in the hospitals. I cannot tell you what difficult, heart-breaking, and oh-so-important ministry this is. THANK GOD FOR ALL OF YOU WHO GIVE TO MAKE THIS WORK POSSIBLE!

Garage last summer



Garage now



What one ton of sugar looks like



I am so happy that unexpected warm weather has recently allowed me to almost finish installing vinyl siding on our garage. I am very optimistic that this head start on our local building projects is a sign that much progress will be made this year on these projects. **Thank you again, Sister "E"** for buying the materials for this siding job.

Progress is also being made in India on installing a baptistry in the Baca Valley Church. Such progress is very important. Pastor Nanneti tells me that an average of **one Christian pastor per day is killed in India**. The government is trying to pass a law to make converting to Christianity illegal. **Please pray for India**. Pastor Alfonso in Philippines **also needs prayer**. The visas for him and his family to do deputation in USA were denied. This is such a shame when millions of immigrants (many of them criminals) are allowed to cross our border illegally.

In the name of Jesus, your grateful brother,

Franklin Tuck Jr.

"Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee... who passing through the valley of Baca maketh it a well." Psalm 84: 5-6

Projects	Needed	Each	Sponsor	Work
Grounds, office building, and garage				
1. Plant 10 willow trees along creek, erect 7 flag poles/flags of each country we work in, install dusk to dawn light at front of property, build wall around flag pole area for flower beds, fill flower bed with soil, install electrical supply to garage, paint outside of garage, replace garage doors, replace window in garage, replace roof on garage, update office computer, buy cordless telephone system, build new front porch on office building, paint outside of office building, build 2 bathrooms in office building, connect office building to sewer system, install drywall/electrical receptacle/shelving in office storeroom, install skirting around office building, buy new laptop for deputation, increase storage space in office, install laminate floor in office, buy new projector for deputation, buy refrigerator for office, buy microwave for office, Install air conditioner/electric furnace/water heater in office.		Total cost= \$19,000	Yes	Done
2. Pour concrete sidewalk from driveway to front porch	2	\$300	Yes	
3. Replace windows in office	2	\$250	Yes	
4. Replace roof on office	1	\$1500	Yes	
5. Change drywall in office	1	\$300	Yes	
6. Install vinyl siding on office	1			
7. Install floodlights for individual flags	7	\$50	Yes	
8. Install vinyl siding on garage	1	\$1160	Yes	Done
Chapel				
1. Finish electrical supply	1	\$300	Yes	Done
2. Finish vinyl siding	1	\$750	Yes	Done
3. Power wash siding outside and block walls inside after flood	1	1	Yes	Done
4. Install 2x4 studs to plumb upstairs walls	1	\$200	Yes	
5. Install wiring and receptacles	1	\$200	Yes	
6. Install insulation in upstairs walls	1	\$200	Yes	
7. Install light fixtures upstairs	2	\$25	Yes	
8. Install drywall on upstairs walls	1	\$350	Yes	
9. Paint upstairs walls	1	\$75	Yes	
10. Install insulation in roof	1	\$200	Yes	
11. Install ceiling tiles upstairs	1	\$300	Yes	
12. Install sub-floor upstairs	1	\$300	Yes	
13. Install flooring upstairs	1	\$400	Yes	
14. Install floor tiles upstairs	1	\$300	Yes	
15. Paint downstairs walls	1	\$75	Yes	
16. Install light fixtures downstairs	2	\$25	Yes	
17. Replace roof	1	\$7,000		
Joshua Tuck Memorial				
1. Plant "Joshua's Tree"	1	\$800	Yes	Done
2. Build stone wall	1	\$300	Yes	
3. Plant small flower garden	1	\$100	Yes	
4. Install memorial plaque	1	\$100	Yes	
5. Install bench	1	\$100	Yes	
Picnic & Entertainment Pavilion				
1. Bulldoze/Excavate area	1	\$1000	Yes	Done
2. Pour concrete in picnic & entertainment area (4 sections)	4	\$500	Yes	
3. Erect picnic shelter (3 sections)	3	\$750	Yes	
4. Build picnic tables	30	\$75	Yes	
5. Erect entertainment area	1	\$750	Yes	
Church construction- Andhra Pradesh, India				
1. Foundation and pillars, sub floor, walls, beams & roof, electric system, plumbing & water system, windows, doors, sanctuary chairs, pulpit, sound system, bathroom tile and fixtures		\$17,625	Yes	Done
2. Road	1	\$200	Yes	
3. Labor & finishing touches	1	\$2400	Yes	
4. Church vehicle	1	?		
5. Install baptistry	1	\$750	Yes	
Church construction, Pangasinan, Philippines				
1. Foundation, concrete floor, walls, beams & roof, electrical system, plumbing, water system, windows, doors, ceiling, floor tiles, soffit		Total = \$11,000	Yes	Done
2. Partition off 2 rooms (Zaldy & storage) in fellowship area	1	\$500	Yes	
Parsonage construction, Pangasinan, Philippines				
1. Foundation, concrete floor, walls, beams & roof, windows, doors, ceilings, paint, electrical system, plumbing, water pump, porch, garage, tiles		\$10,350	Yes	Done