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Dear Friends,

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Next month we will mark the 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Baca Valley Ministries. In some ways, it seems like just yesterday that I landed in Ukraine and experienced things like eating borsch for the first time. In other ways, I look at photos of me with dark brown hair and explain to myself that the photo was taken last century. Time is becoming more precious to me because it has sunk in that I have a limited amount of it still available to me. The same is true of family and friends. Many loved ones and acquaintances have already passed on. I find myself wondering when will be the last time that I talk to this person or that one. The escalator of my life keeps moving upwards, and I can see that I am much closer to the end of my travel than the beginning. Two ideas stand out in my mind. First, throughout my life as a Christian (I was saved 36 years ago), **there has never been a time or situation when I fully depended on God as my only source of help, that He failed to provide what was needed.** I have experienced some unusually needful circumstances, but He has never failed me. Secondly, God has sent people my way to help and encourage me at just the right time, and in just the right way, to make things easier for me. The Lord has worked in my favor through many people, and I appreciate each one of you. **Thank you so much** for all your prayers and financial giving throughout the years.

Me, with dark hair, giving away Bibles in the early days of Ukraine



Ukraine- Salvation Church distributes international relief



Philippines- two-day retreat for youth group that worked in VBS



**Thank you for praying** for Pastor Joseph Nanneti and our ministry in India. Besides Brother Joseph, we continue to sponsor eight other local pastors on a monthly basis. **Please continue to pray** for the people of India. Much persecution has recently been conducted against Christians, especially in northern India. We are grateful to Lansing Baptist Church for donating \$300 that was collected during their VBS this year. Pastor Nanneti will divide this money over the next two months to give away food to groups of poor children.

**Thank you for praying** for Ukraine. It is amazing that the people of that country persevered through last winter and then rallied to not only survive until now, but even challenged the Russians to some extent. Now they are faced with the possibility of another winter of war. The dear people of Ukraine really **need our prayers** and whatever material resources we can share. Humanitarian aid from the United Nations and other large organizations is starting to dwindle. **We are so grateful that the Lord blessed Ukraine again this month.** \$3,000 was sent to support 15 relief workers in Salvation Church. Besides giving relief supplies and holding Bible studies with groups of 500-600 refugees, this church has begun to serve lunch on Saturdays to a group of exceptionally needy people. One refugee wrote, "I am thankful for the tasty food because I was really hungry!" \$2,000 was given to Cross of Christ Church to conduct evangelism, medical clinics, and humanitarian relief. \$1,550 was provided to the Born-Again Church to fund relief work near the front lines with Russia. This church has been most effected by a loss of food relief from sources like the U.N. as already mentioned. Now it is expensive to buy the food that they take into the areas of direct conflict so fewer trips are being made. **Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless Ukraine.**

**Please continue to pray** for Pastor Aris Alfonso and the ministry in Philippines. They are recovering from the recent typhoons. Last month you saw a photo of Brother Aris' grandmother (95 years old) being evacuated from her home by boat. Unfortunately, she passed away just one day after returning to her home from the evacuation center; but fortunately, after Brother Aris led her in professing faith in Jesus Christ as her Savior. On a lighter note, our two scholarship recipients have returned to Bible college to begin their second year of study.

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
<b>Grounds, office building, and garage</b>				
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,		<b>Total cost= \$19,000</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Done</b>
2. Pour concrete sidewalk from driveway to front porch	<b>2</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
3. Replace windows in office	<b>2</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
4. Replace roof on office	<b>1</b>	<b>\$1500</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
5. Change drywall in office	<b>1</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
6. Install vinyl siding on office	<b>1</b>			
7. Install floodlights for individual flags	<b>7</b>	<b>\$50</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
8. Install vinyl siding on garage	<b>1</b>	<b>\$1160</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Done</b>
<b>Chapel</b>				
1. Finish electrical supply	<b>1</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Done</b>
2. Finish vinyl siding	<b>1</b>	<b>\$750</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Done</b>
3. Power wash siding outside and block walls inside after flood	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Done</b>
4. Install 2x4 studs to plumb upstairs walls	<b>1</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
5. Install wiring and receptacles	<b>1</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
6. Install insulation in upstairs walls	<b>1</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
7. Install light fixtures upstairs	<b>2</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
8. Install drywall on upstairs walls	<b>1</b>	<b>\$350</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
9. Paint upstairs walls	<b>1</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
10. Install insulation in roof	<b>1</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
11. Install ceiling tiles upstairs	<b>1</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
12. Install sub-floor upstairs	<b>1</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
13. Install flooring upstairs	<b>1</b>	<b>\$400</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
14. Install floor tiles upstairs	<b>1</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
15. Paint downstairs walls	<b>1</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
16. Install light fixtures downstairs	<b>2</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
17. Replace roof	<b>1</b>	<b>\$7,000</b>		
<b>Joshua Tuck Memorial</b>				
1. Plant "Joshua's Tree"	<b>1</b>	<b>\$800</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Done</b>
2. Build stone wall	<b>1</b>	<b>\$300</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
3. Plant small flower garden	<b>1</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
4. Install memorial plaque	<b>1</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
5. Install bench	<b>1</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Picnic &amp; Entertainment Pavilion</b>				
1. Bulldoze/Excavate area	<b>1</b>	<b>\$1000</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Done</b>
2. Pour concrete in picnic & entertainment area (4 sections)	<b>4</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
3. Erect picnic shelter (3 sections)	<b>3</b>	<b>\$750</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
4. Build picnic tables	<b>30</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
5. Erect entertainment area	<b>1</b>	<b>\$750</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Church construction- Andhra Pradesh, India</b>				
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		<b>\$17,625</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Done</b>
2. Road	<b>1</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
3. Labor & finishing touches	<b>1</b>	<b>\$2400</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Done</b>
4. Church vehicle	<b>1</b>	<b>?</b>		
5. Install baptistry	<b>1</b>	<b>\$750</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Done</b>
<b>Church construction, Pangasinan, Philippines</b>				
1. Foundation, concrete floor, walls, beams & roof, electrical system, plumbing, water system, windows, doors, ceiling, floor tiles, soffit		<b>Total = \$11,000</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Done</b>
2. Partition off 2 rooms (Zaldy & storage) in fellowship area	<b>1</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>Parsonage construction, Pangasinan, Philippines</b>				
1. Foundation, concrete floor, walls, beams & roof, windows, doors, ceilings, paint, electrical system, plumbing, water pump, porch, garage, tiles		<b>\$10,350</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Done</b>