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Dear Friends,

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Well, as I mentioned in my last letter, **we finished 27 years of Baca Valley Ministries** this week. I do not know where the time went. We were going strong on our Missions trips, and helping the national workers, and then suddenly, several things changed. Problems with my health caused me to slow down on traveling to other countries to preach. Then the Covid situation hit and brought most of the ministry to a halt. We recovered a second wind and began aggressively working to finish construction of the Bethesda Independent Baptist Church and parsonage in Philippines. As that winded down, the war began in Ukraine and the Lord miraculously provided the opportunity for us to help in that situation. So, the world revolves, and evolves, around us. Satan tries to interfere, but **the Lord continues to bless**. Here is our present perspective. No one knows what will happen in Ukraine. We will act on every opportunity the Lord gives us to help the people of Ukraine- and **we pray** that He will continue to use us. I miss preaching in the other countries. I miss seeing people be saved. I miss cooperating in the field with co-workers in the Faith. I miss being involved with building their churches and other projects. As long as my health persists, I will make as many trips as I can to spread the Gospel wherever the Lord gives me opportunity to go. Of course, I cannot go anywhere unless God's people send me. So, **I thank all of you** in advance for all the ways that you encourage me in the ministry. **Thank you for continuing to pray for us and support us financially.**

**Feeding needy children in India: water bottles, rice, vegetable chips, chocolate crackers. What a treat!**



**Thank you for praying** for Pastor Joseph Nanneti and our ministry in India. Brother Joseph was very thankful for the money given last month by Lansing Baptist Church from their VBS offering. He used it on two occasions to give away food and other needed items to poor children in his area. He personally enjoyed this very much and thanked us profusely for the opportunity.

**Thank you for praying** for Ukraine. As more is said on TV and other media by people who are negative toward Ukraine, it becomes more and more difficult to raise money to help Ukraine. People ask me all the time about the government leaders involved in all sides of this crisis, and who can we trust to not be corrupt. I tell them that this is all over my head. I want my readers to remember this: **Baca Valley Ministries sends all its relief money to trusted pastors in Ukraine who use the money to directly help with the humanitarian needs of the Ukrainian people where they are. Since I am directly involved, and I have worked with these pastors for 27 years, I can be completely confident in the results of this process. There is no corruption on our level. We praise God that we were able to send over \$6,200 to Ukraine again this month to provide the humanitarian aid that we have described several times in the past. Please pray for the needs of Ukraine.** This source of special giving might not continue.

**Please continue to pray** for Pastor Aris Alfonso and the ministry in Philippines. **Lord willing, I will visit Philippines December 4-18.** Brother Aris is already arranging for me to preach in jails, schools, and a Missionary Conference. We also plan to hold the annual Christmas gift-giving for the children while I am there. As you know, the price of everything nowadays is out of sight. It cost \$130 just to renew my passport and \$60 to expedite it. I will need at least **\$4,000 for the travel, \$400 to hold the Missions conference, and \$800 to give gifts to 200 children.** If the Lord blesses us above what we are asking, we will also give gifts to another 100 children in the village where Brother Aris is trying to plant a new church. **Please pray for provision of these funds and my health.** Brother Aris' ministry is vibrant and growing. **We thank God** for the opportunity to be involved in it.

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>\$750</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Done</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>