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Dear Friends of our Ministry,

This month marks a great milestone in our relationship. On September 1, 1996, I left Rainelle to go on my first mission trip to Ukraine. I was so, so excited. I remember almost crying as I stopped at the parsonage to say good-bye to Pastor Surbaugh on my way out of town, driving to Chatanooga where I would meet up with the rest of the team from International Board of Jewish Missions. I thought it was the right thing to do because I felt so grateful to my church and Pastor for encouraging me to serve God in such a special, humbling, unexpected way.

SEWELL VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH
August 11, 1996

Thank you for coming to worship with us today! We trust you will be both challenged and blessed by being a part of our services. We look forward to a great day in the Lord.

TO RUSSIA

Frank Tuck, a member of our church, is traveling to Russia on a missionary trip in September. Brother Tuck will be traveling with a missionary team that will have the opportunity to preach, distribute Bibles and gospel tracts, as well as, assist our missionaries serving in Russia. We will receive an offering this morning after services to help with Brother Tuck's expenses.

As part of the team, I helped distribute 42,000 Gospel tracts and 3,100 Bibles. This was only a few years after Ukraine received its independence, so these were some of the first Bibles to become available after the fall of the Soviet Union. When we preached, most people were hearing the Gospel for the first time. 1,795 people made professions of faith. I preached my first sermon on the mission field, and saw my first convert, on September 4, 1996. For the next 30 years, and 77 mission trips to 6 countries, it has been my privilege and joy to spread the Gospel to everyone I could. During all that time doing the work of the ministry, you have supported me financially, prayed for me, taken care of my family, and blessed me in many ways. So- for 30 years I have been your missionary, and you have been my benefactors. We have been partners in serving the Lord. I feel this bond all the way down into the core of my soul. I cannot thank you enough for enabling the fulfillment of my calling.

Ukraine, September, 1996

That's me on the right



The Lord has blessed us greatly during the past 30 years. When we get to Heaven, we will be glad that we made every effort to serve Him. Of course, He actually deserves all the honor and glory for what has been accomplished. He has made it all possible. I am so glad that we serve the One, True God.

Since April, I have been thinking that it would be good to celebrate the past 30 years of blessings in the ministry by doing some kind of special anniversary project. I think that it would please God if we would make a serious effort to help, in a substantial way, each of the three countries we are currently active in. I started hoping that the Lord would provide \$15,000 for each country to accomplish specific projects that I identified. Since then, because of needs connected to typhoons, problems caused by war, and obstacles faced by our Christian workers, I decided to open up how we would try to help each ministry. **I am seeking God's will in how best to move the work forward in India, Ukraine, and Philippines.** So far, the Lord has used us to help these countries in a variety of special ways beyond the things we do regularly to support their ministries. **An extra \$2,000 has been sent to India- \$2,000 to Ukraine- and \$2,975 to Philippines.**

I want to humbly ask you to expand our partnership. Please consider giving a one-time love gift to our 30th anniversary project. You can specify a particular country for your donation to go to, or you can leave it up to me to apply it where needed the most. Satan is working harder all the time to go against God. I believe God would be pleased if we made an extra effort to glorify Him by helping people around the world come to know Him better. And again, I would appreciate you for being my partner in acting on the opportunities God has given us to serve.

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