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Dear Friends,

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Hey, time is flying by too quickly again. We are half- way through the “good weather for working outside” season. So far, we have finished remodeling the outside of the ministry garage and I have made some progress on the outside of my house. I need to finish everything at home that leads up to changing the back half of my roof before I can come back to work on the ministry office. It is necessary to change the office roof shingles and install vinyl siding on the outer walls. I can remodel the inside during winter. **Thank you all for the encouragement and prayers.** I know that some of our many blessings from God come because of your petitions on our behalf. For many years now, people all over the world have been praying for me and the ministry. **I appreciate this so, so, much.**

We praise God that \$150 was given on Facebook to the Joshua Tuck Scholarship Fund. We still need \$850 to cover the scholarships promised for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. **Please pray** for this need to be met. We **also rejoice** that we could give \$200 to a humanitarian need of a sick person here at home. I have been wanting to do more ministry here in the U.S., so I was excited about the opportunity to help a member of one of our supporting churches. There was some up-and-down this month. We had several occasions when my wife and I could gather with all our children and grandchildren to share a meal. This is my favorite activity. But I had to face the death of a favorite uncle, Stanley McClanahan. It was my honor to preach his funeral. I am going to miss him, and it was a strong reminder of my own mortality.

90 visitors to VBS2 in Philippine village where starting new church



Pastor Aris' grandmother being evacuated by boat to safety



Ukraine- relief for 163 people, in 4 villages, within 5 miles of frontline



Last month we were so blessed to collect enough donations to cover two Vacation Bible Schools for Pastor Aris Alfonso (one large one in the main church location and one smaller one in a village where Brother Aris wants to start a new church). Both were very successful despite the rain that was heavy at times because of oncoming typhoons. Many thanks to the local municipal police who helped with transportation. **Praise God that 239 children attended the main VBS and more than half of them made professions of faith. There were 90 children who attended the second VBS in San Fabian. Again, more than half made professions along with 7 of their mothers.** Unfortunately, the rain developed into a typhoon which hit within a 30- minute drive of the main church. Many of Pastor Aris' extended family (grandmother, mother, etc.) and some church members had to be evacuated by boat from their homes to the evacuation center in town. **Please pray** that the Lord would provide Pastor Aris with \$20 for each church family in the evacuation center. The government provides some food, but Brother Aris and his church want to help the affected members.

Thank you for praying for Ukraine! \$1,700 was given to repair the inside of Pastor Ivan's house which you gave so generously last month to buy. Also, **the Lord provided** \$1,450 to again complete the \$3,000 that is needed each month to support relief workers in Salvation Church, \$1,600 to fund relief work done by Born Again Church, and \$2,000 to cover relief expenses of Cross of Christ Church. **Please pray that the Lord will continue to bless Ukraine.** The Born-Again Church has especially amazed me with their relief trips to within 5 miles of the Russian front line. I have a desire to be more involved there. **Please pray strongly** for God to give me the wisdom needed to decide about making a visit to Ukraine before the end of this year. I might not get to preach much, but I could see the situation for myself. I also feel led to continue with an annual evangelistic trip to Philippines. **Right now, I just need to know if it is God's will to visit either place, or both.**

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	Done
4. Church vehicle	1	?		
5. Install baptistry	1	\$750	Yes	Done
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