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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Dear Friends,

December 22, 2023

Well, just to illustrate that God does answer prayer, and especially during this special holiday time, I want to tell you about a telephone call that I received recently. Remember, last month I wrote that in December we could only send a small amount for the humanitarian aid work of Born Again Church and Cross of Christ Church in Ukraine. Donations had decreased and I asked for prayer that the Lord would raise up new donors to help Ukraine. Well, **someone must have prayed fervently**. Out of the blue, a lady that I had not talked to for 10 years called me. She said that she had been reading my prayerletter every month and that the situation in Ukraine made her cry. She told me that a **check for over \$6,000** was in the mail and requested that it be used **for Ukraine**. This means that all of the humanitarian work that these two churches had been doing in 2023 can resume for January and February of 2024. After that, or even before, **we will need to pray hard again**. For now, **we are praising God and thanking Him for His mercy on Ukraine!** The \$345 that we did send to Born Again Church for December was used to visit 4 villages on the front lines. In each village, food bags were distributed and the Gospel was preached. Imagine what will be done, Lord willing, with \$1200 that we can now send for ministry in January. Cross of Christ Church did not receive any money this month, but they will receive \$2000 for January. They will be able to resume ministry to refugees through evangelistic/medical clinics **Praise God!** Donations continue to come in from special donors to help the Salvation Church do its ministry. \$3000 was sent to them for humanitarian work this month. **Thank you.**

My 71st Birthday with the Grandkids

Aid to 4 Villages, War Zone, Ukraine

Some of many gifts and food, Christmas in Philippines



Thank you for praying for Pastor Joseph Nanneti and the Baca Valley Church in India. It is hard to believe that this month they celebrated the 4th anniversary of the new church. We were able to help with the expenses of the church anniversary and upcoming Christmas celebration. During this time, the 8 local pastors that we support each received a rice cooker. They were very encouraged. **Please continue to pray** that I would be able to renew my visa to India.

Please continue to pray for Pastor Alfonso and the Bethesda Baptist Church of Urbiztondo, Philippines. They will be conducting the children's Christmas gift-giving in the main church and also the daughter church they are planting. I am glad that we helped with that, but a little sad that I will not be there to experience it. We were also able to send \$300 this month so that 30 families in Brother Aris' church can each receive a 25# bag of rice for Christmas. **I love Christmas. It is so much fun to give things to people that they need. I believe that is the main point of God giving His Son, Jesus, to live, die on the cross for our sins, and be resurrected so that whoever wants it, can receive the salvation that they need.**

My leg is still healing. Actually, my over-all health has improved due to changes made to my medications while I was in the hospital. I am looking forward to going to **Philippines February 12-27**. I am really excited about what might be accomplished when the warm weather returns. Before that, I hope to make a lot of progress on remodeling the inside of our office, now that the roof has been replaced.

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, replace roof on office | | Total cost= \$20,500 | Yes | Done |
| 2. Pour concrete sidewalk from driveway to front porch | 2 | \$300 | Yes | |
| 3. Replace windows in office | 2 | \$250 | Yes | |
| 4. Replace floor in office | 1 | | | |
| 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 | \$750 | Yes | Done |
| 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 |