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Dear Friends,

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I, my family, and our Board of Directors want to wish each of you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I thought I would send this month's letter out early so that you could read this greeting before the holidays. It seems like an eternity has passed since the beginning of this year. Many of us have suffered and struggled to get to this point; but we (especially I) need to shake off everything negative and **focus on the reason for this season. Our Savior, Jesus Christ**, was born in a manger to live an exemplary life and then sacrifice it for our redemption. Christmas has always been my favorite time of year. I am looking forward to eating a special dinner with my family, reading the Christmas story to the grandkids, and then watching them open a few gifts. **I pray for God's mercy** on everyone in the world who will not have that degree of peace on that day, especially in Israel and Ukraine. **My wife and I want to thank everyone** who sent cards and love gifts in connection with the holidays and my health problems. We want all our friends and supporters, especially the churches, to know that you have special places in our hearts. **Many of you have been an encouragement to us for almost 30 years.** That is a special blessing with many connecting memories.

Alexander Verkhovsky comrades with memorial donations



5th anniversary of Baca Valley Church in Andhra Pradesh, India



Aris Alfonso safe in Philippines after successful deputation



Thank you for praying for Pastor Aris Alfonso from Philippines. He has returned safely to Philippines after three months of successful deputation. **God blessed him** with a couple new monthly supporters, \$10,000 to buy a van for the youth group, and many new friends. Everyone who met his daughter, Annalois, was impressed. Several of them have started to support her college experience at \$10/month. Unfortunately, problems have developed with her health, and she has also returned to Philippines. She will attend college there instead of Marietta Bible College in Ohio. Anyone who wishes to still help her may send \$10/month to our ministry with "Annalois" in the memo line. **We thank God that Sewell Valley Baptist Church** gave \$275 this month to fund the children's feeding stations in January. **We are also grateful to Big Sewell Baptist Church** for giving \$750 to sponsor Brother Aris' gift-giving program for 250 children in his main church.

Thank you for praying for Pastor Joseph Nanneti in India. It is hard to believe that five years have already passed since we opened the Baca Valley Church there. **Thank God** we were able to help with the anniversary celebration, upcoming Christmas program, and gifts for the local pastors. **Please continue to pray for Brother Joseph's health.**

Thank you for praying for the people of Ukraine. We **thank God** that our donation last month was part of over \$16,000 that was collected in honor of Brother Alexander Verkhovsky who was killed in battle. His wife, Ira, my interpreter while in Ukraine, directed the money to be given to his military unit. They have already bought two generators, two antennas, and three drones. **Please continue to pray** for Ira and our efforts to send humanitarian aid. We do not know if we will be able to continue our monthly support in January. **Please pray for sponsors.**

Please continue to pray for my health. Another month has gone by with me mostly confined to my chair. I am taking the maximum dose of pain medicine, but it only helps about 50%. My back is getting worse, and my movement is more limited. I am waiting for an appointment to get nerve blocks in my spine. I had a date for Feb. 13, but it was cancelled because the pain keeps me from getting on the table. Now I am trying to schedule with a doctor who can put me to sleep for the procedure. My sister, Janet June, passed away in Michigan and I will not be able to preach the funeral. She made a confession of faith two days before. **Please pray** for her husband, Tom.

In the name of Jesus, your grateful brother, Franklin Tuck

"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, replace insulation/ceiling tiles front half office		Total cost= \$21,175	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- materials	1	1,000		
7. Install vinyl siding on office- labor	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. Labor & finishing touches	1	\$2400	Yes	Done
3. Church vehicle	1	?		
4. 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
3. Build fence both sides of property	1	\$1,500		
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
2. Finish soffit	1	\$1,000		