

Feb. 3, 2014

Dear Praying Friends,

If you are already praying for us, thank you for continuing to pray (though that is **NOT** what this request is primarily about).

If you are already investing financially in our ministry, **THANK YOU** and we are **NOT** asking you to give more (though if you wanted to, we wouldn't refuse it). :)

We ARE requesting that you seriously consider introducing us to your missions committee, or church leadership, Sunday School class or small group, or even individual friends who may be interested to join our support team. We are requesting your help in recruiting and mobilizing others to invest in the ministry God has entrusted to us.

You see, since announcing our return to the U.S. just over a year ago, we have **LOST OVER \$1,000.00/month** in financial support (for various reasons). This loss does not include the people who have made generous monthly commitments, and then some months (for various reasons) they are not able to follow through. That's an additional loss.

Since returning to the States we have gained two monthly supporters (who give generously but not enough to make up that loss).

Additionally, we have had EXTRA expenses this year (i.e., our international move itself, medical emergencies that required us to pay a \$4,000.00 deductible, necessary expenses for our kids' education and life, etc.) that have gone far beyond our regular budget. To be honest, we have been plunged into debt for the first time in many years.

We are working hard to be careful and wise stewards. We have not been reimbursed for thousands of dollars of business/ministry expenses since last summer, due to insufficient funds in our account. Our ministry expenses have been severely curtailed. We are meeting with a financial adviser next week.

Vicki is looking for a job outside the home, but so far everyone she's asked says, "We are not hiring now." We knew that this (Vic needing to work outside the home) would be a possibility when we returned to the States. **We ARE thanking God for the many miraculous ways that he has provided for some foundational needs, and confirmed to us repeatedly that we have been led by Him to this place of service!**

The truth is that our monthly support has never been enough to meet all our expenses. However, occasional generous "one-time" gifts and a garage sale held 2x/year for us have kept us afloat.

The time has come for us to expand our "support team" but because we are so new to our area, our opportunities here are limited (though we pursue what we can). Will you help us? Will you share with others the opportunity to help bring **food, freedom and forgiveness to the oppressed**? Please read more about International Teams' **2020 Vision** at: www.iteams.us/2020-vision/

Please read, and feel free to share with others, the attached brochure with some Q & A. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

THANK YOU FOR STANDING WITH US ALL THESE YEARS THROUGH YOUR PRAYERS,
INVESTMENTS, ENCOURAGING WORDS, ETC. WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL FOR YOU!

Honored to Serve With You,

Scott and Vicki