

March 5, 2014

Dear Praying Friends,

Just wanted to thank you for your prayers and give you a brief update of the things we have SEEN (we know there are things going on in the unseen realm) since our last message we sent out (see copied below). Here is what we KNOW has happened:

1. A missionary family with I.T. transferred a very generous gift to our account
2. A missionary with another organization promised to start supporting us on a monthly basis
3. Three friends (that we know of) referred us to their church leadership and/or missions-minded friends (still waiting to see what comes of this)
4. A Greek couple in Athens sent us a generous check
5. A woman from Greece sent us a sacrificial gift
6. A couple in the U.S. (who already generously support us each month) sent us a HUGE gift from sale of stocks
7. A couple living overseas just made a monthly commitment
8. A couple (who already generously supports us) offered to pay what we owe on our medical deductible
9. We had our property taxes returned to us!

All of this is so encouraging and so very helpful to us in these days! We still hope to expand our current team of monthly supporters but we know Who our Provider is and rest in His wisdom and sufficiency to meet our needs as He sees best. We will continue to trust, praise Him, and thank Him for His people through whom He provides.

Meanwhile, we are also meeting with some financial advisers (from a company that helps families with "special needs" members) who are helping us figure out how to more strategically leverage our finances and provide for Ellie's needs...so you can also be praying for "growing wisdom" for us.

We are so grateful to all of you and we will share some more ministry news in the coming days.

Love and gratitude,

Scott and Vicki

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February 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