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Dear friends and partners,

If these missionaries have to leave their fields of ministry, the people among whom they are working could have no other contact with the gospel – no other hope of hearing of God's offer of forgiveness through His Son, Jesus Christ!

We have spent this week working with missionaries who are trying to bring God's light and truth to people who have been displaced by war or hardship, most from Africa or southern Asia. Right now we are preparing for next week, when we will be working with Europeans who are serving as missionaries in North Africa. Over the last couple years we have had the opportunity to have considerable involvement with both of these teams. And we are reminded again of the spiritual desert in which they are working, and the immeasurable loss to the cause of Christ if they would have to abandon their ministries and leave the mission field.

To be responsible, we need to think about this reality in terms of our current context. Hardly a day passes that we don't hear something about the world economic crisis and millions who are losing jobs and savings. Individuals, churches, and entire missions are having to tighten belts and carry on the ministry with limited resources. We are being forced to make difficult decisions to ensure we are being good stewards – using the money and other resources with which God has entrusted us the best possible way.

Through careful study, mission agencies have determined that for training, internship, deputation, transportation, language study, and cultural orientation, it takes several years and several hundred thousand dollars to replace a missionary who leaves the field – if a replacement can be found at all. And this doesn't even take into account the spiritual and emotional damage to the family, the new believers, and the sending church. In stark contrast, it can take only a few thousand dollars to come along-side those missionaries on the field, help them work through their difficulties, and allow them to remain faithful and fruitful in ministry for years to come.

We believe there is no better or more responsible use of God's resources. You can't imagine the satisfaction it gives us to realize God is allowing us, on a daily and weekly basis, to be involved in this kind of ministry with Him, and with you! Those of you who support us with your prayers and sacrificial gifts are impacting the lives and ministries of hundreds of Christian workers every year, and sustaining and strengthening ministries throughout Europe and the surrounding regions. Thank you again for your prayers, gifts, and faithfulness that make this ministry possible.

Working together for Christ,



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