

One Another[®]

Ministries International

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Dear Friends,

It is a time of testing.

As you know, we have the privilege of working with hundreds of missionaries, Christian organizations, and international Christian leaders every year. Lately it seems like we are hearing the same scenario repeated in almost every conversation. The pressures, resistance, and hostilities of cross-cultural ministry incessantly buffet God's servants, like angry waves crashing against the shoreline – often eroding their ability to cope. Then they are hit by a global financial crisis.

We hear many as they cry out to God on their faces and reach out to faithful partners through their letters. Yet some grow weary. Missionaries grow weary of deciding whom to turn away, which outreaches to stop, which bills not to pay. Weary of writing about another need, or of getting on a phone, or a plane, to try and find the support needed to continue. (If nothing else, I guess this could help the airline industry.)

And of course churches can grow weary of operating with limited resources and having to turn away another request from another worthy ministry. Likewise, supporters can grow weary of being tapped out, laid off, and hit up – again! In fact, I am a little surprised you had the courage to open this note.

So it is a time of testing for all of us. We have the opportunity to show our God, and our world, that declaring God's glory to the nations is not something nice we do when it is convenient. It is something eternally essential we must continue to do through any hardship. We can show that we will step up to the plate.

What we are asking of you is that you will pray. Pray confidently asking our heavenly Father to provide for His work around the world, as He has promised to do. Please pray specifically for our One Another ministry team as we strengthen and encourage the spread of the gospel in Europe and the surrounding regions. And please pray for us as we will be traveling during the next couple months in order to make some new contacts and share this vital ministry with some new churches. I'm sure you can imagine that after more than 25 years on the field, new contacts in the U.S. are not something we have a lot of. So pray that God will open doors and open hearts, and that we will be an encouragement as we share what God is doing through this incredible ministry. Thank you so much for your faithfulness and prayers.

Working together for Christ,



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