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Dear Friends,

Peace and many greetings from the Chama Canyon wilderness.

I write to you as work continues here to update our monastery kitchen, which is in need of a makeover after more than thirty years of daily use. Upgrading is also taking place at our Guesthouse and Ranch House, with the two projects hopefully being completed by this August.

Our Guesthouse will reopen soon and website self-reservation for retreats will resume in August.

We are staying well at the Monastery, but like families everywhere, we have aging members who require medical and dental attention, which in fact is an ongoing concern for young and old alike. We are blessed in New Mexico with excellent health and dental care.

Nonetheless, costs do quickly add up, and we are very grateful for the assistance of those who receive this letter, which goes out each Summer specifically for medical and dental needs.

If you can assist with our 2026 expenses relating to our medical and dental care, please consider **a \$10 gift, or more if you are able**. We have set the target date for the completion of this appeal at August 15th, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

You may donate at this link: <https://christdesert.org/give/MD26> or via check made out to: "Christ in the Desert" and mailed to us at P.O. Box 270, Abiquiu, NM 87510-0270.

We pray for your good health and for all your needs and intentions. God bless you always!

Gratefully in Saint Benedict,

Abbot Christian Leisy, OSB

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