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Dear Friends,

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I greet you with the peace that comes from knowing that everything is going to work out OK for those of us who know Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. A short while back, I thought that the whole Covid thing was on the decline, but now I am not so sure. The over-all argument is growing as we dispute with one another the effectiveness of vaccines, whether vaccines should be mandatory, are boosters needed in addition to vaccines, which treatments are effective, should treatment be completely free to the taxpayer, should masks be mandatory...?? I could fill the whole page with just such questions. To say we are living in a time of general uncertainty would be an understatement. But, believers can be assured. Maybe the continued presence of Covid is just the work of Satan in his opposition to God. We know the Lord would not tolerate that indefinitely. Maybe God allows Covid to continue so that we will learn lessons of appreciating Him more, trusting Him more, changing our behavior, or loving one another more. If so, the Covid will be here until we learn our lesson. In either case, if we are praying, reading our Bible, attending our local church when possible, giving our tithes, telling everyone we can about Jesus, and bearing each other's burdens, we are being responsible toward God, and He will see us through. I am not a prophet, or someone who knows better than you- this is just how I see it. I am just trying to encourage you to be patient and look to the Lord for your strength. **Thank you so much** for continuing to pray for us and support us financially.

**Thank you for praying for Pastor Joseph Nanneti in India.** His country is presently only 2% vaccinated and facing another wave of the virus. Brother Joseph's state, Andhra Pradesh, is expected to be hit again toward the end of September. Our new church is open, but Pastor Joseph says only 10-20 people are able and willing to attend. Brother Joseph's health is improving. **Please continue to pray** that we would be able to help him pay this debt of **\$500 in medical expenses** that arose while his family had the Covid.



**Thank you for praying for Pastor Aris Alfonso in Philippines.** It was very exciting to see installation of the church's ceiling turn out so good. We decided to use \$400 that we had for buying floor tiles to go ahead and install wiring and lights while building the ceiling. Now we are back to needing \$1370 to tile the floor. **Please pray** that we would be able to complete this final big stage of constructing the church soon.

**Thank you for praying for Pastor Michael Vlasenko in Ukraine.** The Lord is providing almost the perfect way for him to do evangelistic ministry during Covid. The people of Ukraine are very needy- materially and spiritually. Brother Michael combined his evangelism team with eye doctors and nurses who can give free eye exams, free eyeglasses, and free medical testing to as many as 90 people a day. Because of Covid, about 10 people at a time listen to the Gospel while waiting to see the doctor. One group after another are cycled through during the day. Everyone is offered free Christian literature. Sometimes used clothing, food, and free medicine are available. These "clinics" have replaced setting up the tent which most village authorities will not allow at this time. **34/50 clinics (each costing \$250) have been carried out and paid for.** With the help of the good folks at Smoot Baptist Church, I was able to send \$500 to keep going this week. **Please pray for provision of \$3,500 to finish the last 14 clinics that are scheduled.** So far, almost 3,000 people have heard the Gospel and received free eyeglasses along with the other services. **Praise God- more than 195 have made decisions for Jesus Christ to be their Lord and Savior!**

In the name of Jesus, your grateful brother,

*Franklin Tuck Jr.*

*"Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee... who passing through the valley of Baca maketh it a well." Psalm 84: 5-6*

Projects	Needed	Each	Sponsor	Work
<b>Grounds, office building, and garage</b>				
1. Plant 10 willow trees along creek, erect 7 flag poles/flags of each country we work in, install dusk to dawn light at front of property, build wall around flag pole area for flower beds, fill flower bed with soil, install electrical supply to garage, paint outside of garage, replace garage doors, update office computer, buy cordless telephone system, build new front porch on office building, paint outside of office building, build 2 bathrooms in office building, connect office building to sewer system, install drywall/electrical receptacle/shelving in office storeroom, install skirting around office building, buy new laptop for deputation, increase storage space in office, install laminate floor in office, buy new projector for deputation, buy refrigerator for office, buy microwave for office		Total cost=\$16,150	Yes	Done
2. Pour concrete sidewalk from driveway to front porch	2	\$300	Yes	
3. Replace windows in office	2	\$250	Yes	
4. Replace roof on office	1	\$750	Yes	
5. Replace roof on garage	1	\$500	Yes	
6. Install air conditioner in office	1	\$250	Yes	Done
7. Change drywall in office	1	\$300	Yes	
8. Install used electric furnace in office	1	\$675	Yes	Done
10. Replace water heater	1	\$400	Yes	Done
11. Install floodlights for individual flags	7	\$50	Yes	
<b>Chapel</b>				
1. Finish electrical supply	1	\$300	Yes	Done
2. Finish vinyl siding	1	\$750	Yes	Done
3. Power wash siding outside and block walls inside after flood	1	0	Yes	Done
4. Install 2x4 studs to plumb upstairs walls	1	\$200	Yes	
5. Install wiring and receptacles	1	\$200	Yes	
6. Install insulation in upstairs walls	1	\$200	Yes	
7. Install light fixtures upstairs	2	\$25	Yes	
8. Install drywall on upstairs walls	1	\$350	Yes	
9. Paint upstairs walls	1	\$75	Yes	
10. Install insulation in roof	1	\$200	Yes	
11. Install ceiling tiles upstairs	1	\$300	Yes	
12. Install sub-floor upstairs	1	\$300	Yes	
13. Install flooring upstairs	1	\$400	Yes	
14. Install floor tiles upstairs	1	\$300	Yes	
15. Paint downstairs walls	1	\$75	Yes	
16. Install light fixtures downstairs	2	\$25	Yes	
17. Replace roof	1	\$750	Yes	
<b>Joshua Tuck Memorial</b>				
1. Plant "Joshua Tree"	1	\$900	Yes \$500	
2. Build stone wall	1	\$300		
3. Plant small flower garden	1	\$100		
4. Install memorial plaque	1	\$100	Yes	
5. Install bench	1	\$100	Yes	
<b>Picnic &amp; Entertainment Pavilion</b>				
1. Bulldoze/Excavate area	1	\$1000	Yes	Done
2. Pour concrete in picnic & entertainment area (4 sections)	4	\$500		
3. Erect picnic shelter (3 sections)	3	\$750		
4. Build picnic tables	30	\$75		
5. Erect entertainment area	1	\$750		
<b>Church construction- Andhra Pradesh, India</b>				
1. Foundation and pillars, sub floor, walls, beams & roof, electric system, plumbing & water system, windows, doors, sanctuary chairs, pulpit		\$16,100	Yes	Done
2. Road	1	\$200	Yes	
3. Labor & final touches	1	\$2400	Yes \$1,000	
4. Sound system	1	\$900	Yes	Done
5. Church vehicle	1			
<b>Church construction, Pangasinan, Philippines</b>				
1. Foundation, concrete floor, walls, beams & roof, electrical system, plumbing, water system, windows, doors, ceiling, floor tiles		Total = \$10,000	Yes, \$6,820	
<b>Parsonage construction, Pangasinan, Philippines</b>				
1. Foundation, concrete floor, walls, beams & roof		\$6,350	Yes	Done
2. Porch & garage- Roof, windows, door		\$1,000		
3. Electrical, plumbing, pump, windows, doors, labor (living spaces)		\$2,000	Yes	Done