



One Another

Ministries International

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Dear Friends,

The coming of the Christmas season always reminds us of the priority God places on taking the message of salvation to every living soul. He gave what was most precious to bring us that message, and now asks those of us who have received His wonderful gift to carry on the task with similar resolve.

What a wonderful privilege it is to be invited by the Almighty God of the universe to join Him in the project that is closest to His heart. May we never be guilty of ignoring His commission or, worse yet, doing it half-heartedly in a way not worthy of His sacrifice.

Thank you for partnering together with us in this undertaking of eternal importance. We are so proud to be able to join hands with you and with all who labor in prayer, sacrifice their resources, and give their lives to sharing God's love with their neighbors.

Just today a missionary family contacted us asking for help after their child was sexually assaulted in their country of service. A week ago we were working with a missionary couple whose pattern of interaction had become so damaging they were headed for almost certain divorce. Earlier in the month we were contacted by a ministry team who had been traumatized by the death of a coworker in a terrorist attack.

When missionaries and national Christian workers are forced to face situations like these on their own, their marriages, families and ministries are often deeply scarred. When they leave the ministry, as is often the case, it can take many years and many hundreds of thousands of dollars to find, train, and relocate a replacement.

By contrast, when they receive the right kind of help close by and at the right time, most are able to successfully work through these crises. Every year our team here in Montpellier responds to calls for help like these from more than 200 Christian workers. And incredibly, it only costs us about one thousand dollars to work with each ministry that is protected in this way!

We are praying that God will lay it on the hearts of families, classes and churches to celebrate this Christmas by providing part or all of a one thousand dollar scholarship for a front-line Christian worker in crisis. We desperately want to be able to continue saying "yes" to those who contact us in need of help. Will you please join us in this prayer?

This month we will be in Brazil working proactively with Brazilian Christian workers – providing tools to help make their lives and ministries more joyful and effective long-term. We will also be prayerfully considering how we can respond to other requests for help we have received from this area. Thank you so much for your prayers for God's direction and blessing.

Working together for Christ,

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Lugar