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My dear friends and family who care so much about us and our ministries that you invest, pray, read my LONG letters and keep your hearts attached to these missionaries for ALL THESE MANY YEARS — thank you, thank you, thank you!!! You are “the bestest of the bestest” to us!!! **How we thank our God above for each of you.** THERE IS MUCH TO REPORT ON SO... let's get with it.

WATTSBURG FIRST this time—

The long awaited END of construction has come. In May, we had Open House Sunday - marking the REOPENING of our main church building after the steeple fire  of 2024. One of the appropriate verses for this experience has been Romans 8:28 -*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.* We had a **tragedy** and God has worked it all for **GOOD** with... many new friends, TV promotions, attention of all in the town (actually we live in a borough – it's a PA thing, I guess), many good repairs and renovations in the main auditorium (after 15,000 gallons of water and smoke damage), re-wiring the 170+ year old building, (the list goes on). A BIG request on this matter is our remaining OUTSTANDING **DEBT** (around \$65,000) THAT INSURANCE APPROVED, but still stands **unpaid** by them. It has involved quite an ordeal. Please pray. On Open House Sunday – we had 19 visitors and the record attendance for the year! Praise the Lord! There is **much** GOOD going on, but allow me, for sake of time/space, to move to our YOUTH MINISTRY. We are seriously working to reach the young people in our area for Christ!

ONE YOUNG MAN “ran away” from home and came to the church on a Wednesday evening – during our prayer time, he came in and I prayed with him. He asked me to pray for his mom – (you should know that during the spring months, this boy's stepdad was in prison and his real dad had passed away) - this little guy {**Kamryn**} loves us and that day I asked him how I could pray for him.. He asked me to pray for his mom, she has four little kids at home and very little help... Later His mom told me, “My son loves Pastor Tony and even though I don't like when he runs away, how can I punish him if he runs TO THE CHURCH to pray with you?” She is glad that we are here even though they don't come to regular church services, but usually just MONTHLY YOUTH EVENTS {perhaps a good place to say again – THANK YOU for each of you who continue to support the Hess ministries which allow me to be senior pastor, youth pastor, church Re-planter, handyman at the church, PLUS maintain our church overseas WHO IS STILL without a pastor}. You all enable me to give my full attention on these two works and in reality, THEY absolutely REQUIRE such attention IN ORDER TO GROW. Praise the Lord for each of you who understand this and are being used of the Lord to supply the needs for a FULL TIME missionary/pastor/church planter. I don't intend on belaboring the point, but I'm simply GRATEFUL to you and God who empowers and leads you in taking care of His servants!

Coming in July is VBS and it's a big one... since this is a “replant” or RESCUE MISSION – we don't have a big group of available volunteers, so we need “EVERY ABLE BODY” to pitch in and serve— please pray for a GREAT harvest of kids getting saved, homes being reached, members being trained for service and GOD TO GET ALL THE GLORY. **VBS is JULY 7-11.** Please pray. I could say more... but let's move to our overseas ministry.

Crimea: LIFE WAY (Путь Жизни) BAPTIST CHURCH is alive and well, although she has faced a few tests recently. We have a teen leader (one of two primary/godly influences in the youth group that asked me for pre-marital counseling with a young lady from our church years ago. It looked like these two were getting married. Oh yes, did I mention— her family moved to Spain? So he was about to move away, and it would have been this summer. Honestly, I was concerned for the church in Pasha's absence – to be missing his **godly** influence. God has intervened and at present it seems like these two will remain “just friends.” I said nothing to them. I only mentioned my concerns to Jesus. It remains in the Lord's hands.

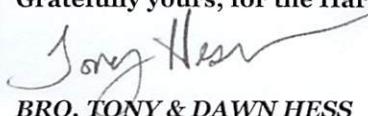
If we had space, I'd love to tell you of Luba's testimony and zeal in bringing others to Christ. As well as the **great** response of our Timothy Class in ministry training – they are a solid group of disciples who constantly ENCOURAGE my heart! We have recently started a **men's fellowship** on Mondays. It is somewhat of an “iron sharpens iron” fellowship. **Please pray for our upcoming Finale** (or year end conference) for our Timothy Class. That is coming next month.

Finally, PLEASE pray for our youth: in Wattsburg— Dustin, Shiloh, Coyte, Kamryn, Leighum, Justice, Kyzer, Moss (*yes, that is her name, seriously*) and her sisters, Prairie & Lavender, plus little Evi (short for Everest) & Tao, not to mention Rylie and Gabe along with their parents/ G'parents who bring them or live close by. We **love** these kids and ONLY A FEW of them have been saved.

Now... the prayer list for our **RUSSIAN TEENS/PRE-teens** in our youth group there... LUBA, PASHA, ALAN (not Alan, but “aLAN”), VERA, ANYA, YULYA, VEEKA, NASTYA & ALINA. (Plus — Sergai & Artoor.) **Can I challenge you to adopt one or two of our YOUTH and put their name on your fridge or bathroom mirror and daily - ASK GOD TO PROTECT, SAVE AND LEAD THEM TO FULL DEDICATION in Christ.** Would you please?

Finally, I'm loading you all up with **Pr. Requests** – we are **translating** the next course matter for next year's Timothy Class – it ends up costing around \$50-100 per chapter.. This means the **expense will be over \$1000** this summer as our young Russian student from PCC translates for us. Please pray for help on this.

Gratefully yours, for the Harvest,


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*note - prayer requests are in **RED**

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