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Greetings to All of You!

What a couple of weeks this has been!

First, for over 2 years we have been building up to, and planning the Teen Challenge 50th Anniversary Celebration. Though most of the planning was handled by the TC USA office, we were happy to have over 400 representatives from all over the world. The celebration was perhaps the best conference I ever attended in my life. How can one explain the excitement and emotions? The worship was superb-especially the last night at Brooklyn Tabernacle. A 300 voice choir of those still in TC programs sang passionately about their love for a God who rescued them. I described it as “a wall of jubilant sound”! The preaching was also outstanding. Don Wilkerson, Jim Cymbala, Joao Martins, Nicky Cruz, and Sonny Arganzoni took us on a journey to the past and the future. Some of the preaching was prophetic for the future of TC! In addition to the meetings we were able to have great times of fellowship. As one of our pioneer leaders said to me; “Teen Challenge is my tribe!” I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to Teen Challenge in Brooklyn and the TC USA office for including all of us from various ministries around the world. We were honored to be a part of it. For more information on this event, you can go to www.teenchallengeusa.com

Immediately following the 50th celebration, we had a reunion for Eurasia Teen Challenge workers. It was held in Colorado Springs. Nearly 30 former workers and leaders attended this gathering. Again, words can't describe what a great time we had. It was like we never stopped working and praying together. God visited us by His Spirit. We even had an old-time prayer session for many countries around the world-something we used to do every Thursday morning in Wiesbaden, Germany where we all lived and worked together. We were also graced with the presence of Jan and Mies Barendse of the Netherlands, and Howard and Pat Foltz-the early pioneers and workers for ETC. Outstanding!

As I muse on these events, it brings a smile to my face. God is good, and is continuing His work in us and through us. I want to thank all of you-especially those who have stood with us all 25 years that we have been with this wonderful ministry. We could not do it without you!

With a Grateful Smile,

Tom Bremer