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Dear Faithful Friends,

It always seems appropriate at the end of each year to reflect on the events that transpired during the course of the year. 2009, while stressful at times, was a year of great blessing—let me explain.

First, in August, Terry and I finished a more extended time headquartered state-side. This time ended when we drove our youngest child, Michael, off to college. We are now officially “empty-nesters.” While such a time always yields a bumper-crop of emotions, we are so blessed to realize that the major part of our job as parents is finished. So far, we are so pleased and proud of our kiddos. They are all focused on schooling and their futures, but most important they are serving the Lord. We are really blessed!

Next, we made a huge step of faith this year in the ministry of Europe Teen Challenge. We committed to purchasing a building in Portugal which is now serving as the headquarters of Europe Teen Challenge. Terry and I are now living in a cozy apartment in this building and loving it. The process of building some walls, moving an office, installing a kitchen (thanks to those of you who helped specifically with that), and then, moving ourselves into the building was intense. But looking from the other side we can say, “We are really blessed!”

Also, we think of the people with whom we work. In April we celebrated the 40th Anniversary of Teen Challenge in Europe. (Terry and I have been with this ministry since early 1983— 26 years!) In November we held our annual Fall Leaders meeting here at the new Europe TC Headquarters. Throughout the year, I made numerous trips criss-crossing Europe while visiting many of our programs. Through all of this, one thing remains clear: We work with some of the best people in the world! We can again say that we are really blessed!

Last, we are monthly thinking of all of you who have stood with us so many years in this work. Even though the financial picture is not as clear as we would like, we sense that God is still meeting all of our needs on a daily basis. We will never forget that He is using you to do that! For this, we are again, really blessed!

Our hope and prayer is that all of you will experience the same blessings in 2010 that we have in 2009. God Bless you all “real good”!!!

In His Service,

Tom Bremer
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