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Greetings to Everyone!

Since our last update to all of you, many things have happened. Where to begin?

Last April, we held the Annual Europe Teen Challenge Conference in Gdansk, Poland. It is always a great joy to have fellowship with the great family of leaders and workers across Europe. The conference theme was: *Life, Family, Ministry*. We chose this theme as a way to challenge one another to keep our work in TC in perspective, and to not let involvement in one of these areas cause us to neglect our responsibilities in other areas. Working with the addicted can be strenuous to say the least. Our TC family was challenged and refreshed. We were also able to visit the Solidarity Museum at the Gdansk Shipyards. We were given a private tour, and met with one of the main leaders of the Solidarity Movement. This leader attributed the success of the movement to “the work of the Holy Spirit”. What an amazing quote.

As I write this note, a new TC Street Work/Coffee House is opening in the troubled city of Charleroi, Belgium. Last April I participated in a seminar for beginning coffee shop work. That seminar was the second of three seminars. Now, we are seeing the fruit of that with the opening of a new street work. Charleroi is a needy city with close to 60% unemployment. On my recent trip there, we went on the streets two days in a row. I was shocked to see how many “hard core” addicts are there. We were able to get two of them begin the process for entering a TC rehabilitation program. I know God has a plan for that troubled city!

Teen Challenge in Germany has celebrated two milestones. The work in Landshut, Bavaria just celebrated 30 years of ministry among troubled youth. They operate an after-school program as well as a full residential rehab center. On the other side of Germany, in Emsland, they celebrated 20 years of ministry by dedicating a new dormitory which was formerly an old brick barn. This facility is a men's residential rehab program.

On a personal note, Terry and I had a memorable time at our daughter Erika's college graduation and wedding. I personally was hit with wave after wave of emotions during these celebrations. We both are overwhelmed with joy for our precious daughter and her new husband (our new son-in-law) Timothy. They hope some day to be on the mission field advancing God's Kingdom.

We have had a significant drop in our financial support over the past year or so. We are doing fine, but it makes us all the more appreciative of all of you who are contributing so generously to the work of God in rough economic times. We pray His richest blessings on all of you!

With a Grateful Heart,

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