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Dear Friends,

Webster's Dictionary defines "mixed emotions" as: conflicting feelings or emotions. You are probably wondering why I have started our brief report letter like this. Let me explain.

After working with Europe Teen Challenge for the past 43 years--first as the coordinator of new ministries in eastern Europe, and then serving as the director since 1998 (28 years), we decided, together with the input of one of the finest boards anyone could hope to have, to change our role with this great organization by stepping down from the lead position we have held. Hence, the mixed emotions we are experiencing. Does this mean we are retiring from the ETC ministry? No, but our travel schedule will slow down significantly.

Over the next year plus, we will transition most of the responsibilities to the new leaders and our time will be split between Europe and the USA. The new role will be mostly mentoring and training though I, Tom, will remain on the legal board of ETC. I will also continue to serve as President of ISAAC (International Substance Abuse and Addictions Coalition), and of course, we will continue to run the non-profit in the USA, EEO Inc.

Speaking of the new leaders for ETC, we couldn't be more excited. Catalin and Oltita Baci, who have planted and built Teen Challenge in Romania, will step into the role of ETC directors. We have no words to express how pleased we are with this choice. They have proven, godly characters, a large family with grandkids included ☺, and have built a ministry that is impacting their country of Romania. Catalin was decorated by the King of Romania for his service to society. He will be only the 4th director of ETC in its 57-year history.

The mixed emotions come from realizing that the regular contact – sometimes daily – with our friends and colleagues in the 40 countries where Teen Challenge is active in Europe will be diminished. That prospect saddens us, but we know that we will still be with these much-loved saints at least two times a year. That prospect brings a smile to my face!

We will maintain residences in both Europe and the USA for the foreseeable future.

For 43 years we have served and "kept our hands to the plow." We are mindful that many of you have supported our work, and prayed for us for much of that time if not all of it, and we are grateful to you and to God for your faithfulness. Without your help through all of these years, we could not have served as we have. Because we will still be actively serving ETC, we would greatly appreciate the ongoing support of those who are able and willing to continue standing with us in prayer and finances.

We pray that God will abundantly bless each one of you!

With grateful hearts,

Tom (and Terry) Bremer