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Dear Pastor and friends,

Encouraging one another

Hallmark has made an impressive corporation by doing it. Just a word rightly phrased and sent at the right time says: I care. And that can make a huge and lasting impact.

Knowing firsthand how tough emotionally church-planting in Europe can be - all pioneer fields and cross-cultural environments, for that matter - we take the opportunity to share our hearts, insights and resources with colleagues across Europe. And even into Asia.

Ireland

In September Debbie and I spent a week encouraging and listening to the vision of Bob and Marylin Hutton. They have built an incredible ministry in a short five years and now want to push through and past the hundred in Sunday attendance barrier. We discussed the components of what that will require. He is a gifted man.

Belgium

Along with Tim and Barbara Downs, plus Bob and Judi Hines, we invited the wives of the men we encourage every January in a think-tank environment to attend a three day conference meant to encourage and educate them. This inaugural event saw 13 women from across Europe witness that their struggles and emotions are not unique, plus some were able to put a name on their ideas and dreams.

These young families must find a strategy to minister to their children, who often struggle with their identities - called "Third-Culture Kids". Living overseas leaves them especially confused in the future, if they ever return to the states, where their adopted way of thinking and socializing is definitely foreign. It is a good and wise investment in the health and welfare of these dear servants of Christ.

Banking

In closing, I am so thankful to have signed the banking paperwork to lower our church property mortgage interest. Our team worked hard for almost one full year towards finding an offer that was acceptable for all parties. This enables this group of believers to have purchased, renovated and pay off a million dollar complex in a total of twenty years from inside of church membership. This is a huge step required to being fully autonomous.

Yours, in His service,

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