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Let me know if you think we could help.

From: Toshe Jessie Temelkov <toshejessie@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 26, 2017 8:03 PM
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Dear Ministry Partner,

It was December 23rd 2016 when we received word that our new ministry assignment would be to pioneer LeaderImpact in Macedonia.

We started the new year humbled to answer God's call to shift our focus toward a new branch of Macedonian society. After a decade of involvement with "future leaders," to turn

our hearts toward "influencers" was a leap of faith we were ready to trust The Lord with!

We thank you for your prayers surrendering this new Kingdom building effort to The Lord from the setting of its' foundation.

Setting a strong foundation for this movement in Macedonia is top priority in this season. Pray that we remain in Christ as we do.

We love to share with our children the meaning of the prefix of our last name: **Temel** means **foundation** in Macedonian. We share with them that we have a built-in reminder to keep of focused on what kind of foundation we are building for our lives. Are we building on the stable Rock of our Lord?

Trusting God for a new movement to germinate and begin to grow towards flourishing can feel weighty at times. These are the moments when The Lord draws us to himself, and reminds us that our greatest priority is to know Him, enjoy Him, be close to Him; and to submit to The Holy Spirit. The results we must leave to Him.

Today we are seeing a growing commitment in a handful of partners to see LeaderImpact become a significant reflection of Christ's light into dark areas that have been light-starved. Pray that The Lord will lead us to those in the professional world who will welcome this light.

Three weeks ago we held our second business dinner. Steve Simpson and Scott Liston, leadership experts with the organization Global Partners who spent most of their careers being developed by the globally successful company, P&G, spoke naturally, clearly, and candidly to our guests. We had the sense that they really had the ear of the audience. Not only did they speak from the wealth of their professional experience, but they seamlessly wove their faith and reliance on the scriptures through what they had to say.



Toshe asked our guests to speak on the topic of mentoring, something we want each new partner to get a vision for. Our prayer is that each of these initial partners trusts God to lead them toward living a life purposefully pursuing multiplication.



In the photo above Toshe is shown at an event organized by Macedonia 2025, an organization which encourages diaspora, Macedonians living abroad, to invest back in the nation. It was an incredible opportunity for him to be able to attend and network at this summit through the generosity of a friend. It was a setting where 400 diaspora and local business owners gathered to strategize future economic development of Macedonia. Please pray for the follow-up of the contacts he met there. He has approached several who

represent local companies offering them training for their employees on the topics of Team Building, Emotional Intelligence, and Leadership. This trend is very undeveloped in Macedonia, however interest for it is rising. Pray that The Lord provide wisdom and direction as Toshe experiments with this model to see if it will be a useful bridge leading to quality opportunities to step into lives with the gospel. We are thankful that our organization cares so well for our development that Toshe is qualified and confident to offer these options.



The Global Leadership Summit provided our first partners a splendid opportunity to gain a sense that we are a team. Out of this event a new potential partner, a small business owner, has surfaced. Her name is Natasha.



We have found a common thread in the people who have become our initial partners. Seven of them, male and female, have experienced the death of a person very close to them. I already mentioned the metaphor contrasting light from darkness. I think each of these friends have experienced a certain amount of darkness which has left them attracted to light. We are so pleased to be used of God in a process of defining the light of hope as Christ.

One of these is Vlado who lost his sister Maja to cancer last year. He describes the fight for her life, a journalist and mother of two young children. He explains that it was clear there was nothing he could do except turn to God. At every meeting Vlado, a multiple-business owner, poses question upon question. Just the other evening we had a gathering of partners. Our supervisor, Dan Elliot was here on an encouragement trip from Albania - so from morning to night Toshe set up small group meetings where our partners could get to know him and his story. Vlado asked Dan "how do you experience your faith?" Dan shared that He lets God lead him (*into living a life of humility*), and he regularly looks at himself in the mirror to see if there is unconfessed sin.

As we've reached the climax of the advent season, we are incredibly thankful that our calling is to provide introductions to tangible examples of Christ at work entering into lives and bringing change...light, life, meaning, hope! This was God's plan, from His birth, for Jesus' life to penetrate lives in every corner of the earth (even the small country of 2 million called Macedonia)!

Thank you for being a part of fulfilling this calling alongside of us!

SPECIAL NEED:

The birth of our 5th child, our daughter, is a month and a half away. We feel led to share an invitation to consider making a gift toward hospital bills. She will be born by Cesarean by February 16th at 35 weeks gestation. Jessie's doctor has started her on therapy to prepare the baby's lungs for early delivery. This decision has been made to prevent further risk of rupture of the old scar after 4 previous c-sections. We ask you to please be in prayer for a safe delivery for our little girl, while simultaneously we ask you to consider making a gift to help cover these expenses.

We are uncertain of what to communicate we expect our total costs to be, as we are yet unsure of what the baby's needs will be at delivery. A standard package for a c-section costs around \$3500.

We rejoice about this upcoming change in our lives, and thank you for your kindness to pray and give.

Giving Info: You may make a donation online by visiting www.give.ccci.org/0592858, or by mailing your gift to 100 Lake Hart Rd., Orlando FL., 32832 with an attached note of our account number: 0592858.

We hope you've enjoyed a Merry Christmas as you've celebrated Christ's humble but planned-to-perfection birth...announced by glorious bright and shining light and the praise songs of angels!

***Living with a Living Hope,
Toshe and Jessie***

