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Dear friends and family:

Judy and I are excited to inform you that we are expanding our teaching and equipping ministry for pastors, therapists and church leaders to now include Eastern Europe! Although we'll continue our regular, ongoing counseling, coaching and teaching here in California, we have been invited to travel to Eastern European countries such as Moldova, Ukraine and Hungary in order to personally train groups of pastors and therapists in pre-marital/marital counseling skills. We'll provide the hands on direction and counseling resources that have been sorely lacking yet requested since the fall of the Soviet Union over 20 years ago! **Our first trip is planned for March 30-April 10, 2011.**

These one to two week training experiences (where we are volunteering our time) require us to leave our thriving local counseling practices. It'll be a blast and we hope our help will create a positive ripple effect for the health of marriages and families in the region for years to come.

We are partnering with New Hope International- a Christian organization that has been helping out in the region since 1971. Originally, New Hope encouraged leaders through clandestine operations. Then in the early 90's, after Communism's demise, New Hope continued developing leaders through training, translating resources into native languages and doing summer camps for youth. Check them out: (<http://www.newhopeinternational.org/index.html>). New Hope's David Stanford has been active with this specific counseling ministry for nearly 10 years, it is he who will teach us the ropes!

We are telling you all this for one reason: we're hoping you will partner with us. First, we covet your prayer support: for travel mercies, for our teen boys back at home, and for those who will attend the training. Second, even though we'll be volunteering our time, the cost of these trips is high. We are looking to friends and family for financial support to pay for the actual cost of airfare, modest food and lodging, and occasional instructional costs. We estimate each round trip mission to cost only \$5500 for both of us. This price reflects a negotiated lower "missionary rate" for the 5 flights of the three nation trip, a translator, and the many nights hosted by New Hope's local people.

If you are able to support us, we would be grateful. Every cent you give will go 100% towards our specific trip(s). No administrative fees will be taken out by New Hope- a non-profit (100% of your donation is tax deductible). We will of course, in turn give you a report of our training after each trip.

There are two ways to donate to our specific account at New Hope International:

- *Visit the New Hope website (www.newhopeinternational.org) and make a donation by credit card,
- *OR send a check to New Hope: PO Box 25490, Colorado Springs, CO 80936-5490

In either case, simply designate "Judy & Brian Person" attached with your donation to insure it will get applied directly to our ministry account.

We are grateful for our relationship with you and totally understand if you are not able to support us financially. Hopefully, you will commit to pray for us as we embark on this exciting new ministry! If you are able to give some financial support, we are even further thankful!

Blessings,

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