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Greetings to all of you from The Shepherd's Crook Orphan Ministries (TSC). I am writing to give you all an update on where things stand with us, especially financially, but I'd like to take a minute or two at the outset to bring you up to speed on how we've been doing since we last wrote to all of you. We are once again in crisis, and I ask you to read this letter all the way through.

We wrote to you in the spring of 2013 to let you know that we were in crisis, financially. We explained what was going on and petitioned God, through all of you, to provide the resources we needed to continue operating. We also laid out what we thought were reasons why we should continue operating—why it seemed God was not through with TSC yet. And through your generous hearts, God did just that: He provided the funds needed for us to continue operating. We wrote again in the summer of 2013 to let you know that, and to thank you for responding. And God continued providing for us. For three and a half years, we have enjoyed enough financial stability to continue operating without having to petition all of you for more funding. For this we are grateful to God, and we thank all of you for your prayers and financial support.

So what sort of things has TSC been doing, both during the past three and a half years, and indeed, since our founding? This will be a small refresher on what our ministry does in the cause of the orphan worldwide. Our primary area of ministry remains what it was from the beginning, that of seeking to find permanent families for waiting children. We work with roughly twenty-five adoption agencies, listing their waiting children on our website and promoting their information in e-mail updates. Since we began in 2002, we have been a part of helping 375 children come home to their forever families, and we have been privileged to disburse approximately \$1 million in support of these adopted children. Seven times we have been involved in sending a neurosurgery team to China, to provide much needed surgery for children who otherwise would not have access to it, and to train the surgeons in China in the practices and procedures available here in the States. Twice we sent rehab therapy teams to Romania, and we have assisted with foster care expenses, medical and surgery expenses, and other tangible assistance to various orphanages and institutions around the world. And we have recently launched a new initiative that we're calling Orphan Prevention, designed to provide assistance to at-risk families who are on the cusp of losing their child or children because of financial concerns or lack of access to needed medical help. The program is in its infancy, but we already have two projects we're working on, to help young single mothers keep their babies. And we continue to advocate for the orphan and the vulnerable child whenever we have the chance, through speaking to groups large and small, and through the posting of information via our social network connections. If you haven't visited our website recently (tscorphans.org), I encourage you to do that, to spend some time browsing through all you'll find there.

Once again, though, we find ourselves facing financial collapse. We have sufficient reserves in our general fund to permit us to continue operating through about mid-December. But that means that we have only enough funding to pay salaries and health insurance and cover overhead expenses in November, not December. And thus the reason for this letter. We have a relatively constant expenditure level each month, and a relatively constant income level each month from our regular donations to the general fund. Unfortunately, the monthly expenditures exceed the monthly income, and so we depend on one-time gifts to carry us each month. We have now come to the point of depleting the surplus provided by one-time gifts. If we don't receive additional funding by some time in December, we will exhaust the general fund. We have some additional funding that is currently set aside for one of our Orphan Prevention projects, and if we must, we will use those

funds to carry us a little longer. But those funds will have to be replenished for the future need, once we get back on our feet, because we have committed to helping this very needy young mother and her baby.

We are asking for two things from all of you. First, we ask you to pray. Pray for the work of TSC and pray for additional money for the general fund immediately. Our need is critical. And second, we ask you to consider making an end-of-year gift to our general fund to help us out of this crisis and back onto our feet. Since our regular income is less than our regular expenses, we need to have surplus funds to carry us along. Our sincere prayer is that God will bring forward additional regular donors to our general fund, so that the deficit between monthly income and monthly expenses will go away. Please join us in that prayer, and please consider becoming one of our regular general fund supporters. We would appreciate it more than we can say. You can donate online at tscorphans.org, or you can send your checks to our address, at the footer of this letter.

Finally, we want to share with you a letter we recently received from a friend of TSC in Romania. For many years, TSC has provided various forms of support to a little boy in Romania named Ali, who is an orphan but has never been available for adoption. This letter was an update on Ali and some additional information about how things are going with him. The friend in Romania, whose name is Radu, worked very hard to compose this letter in English, which is not his first language, and we think you'll be able to see the heart of this man come through loud and clear.

Hi to you all friends !

We are now more than after 12 years since started the procedures for Ali. . . . Then, have been made 2 surgeries at Ali's heart and after that his life has changed completely, he recovered again and again, year after year and now he tries to be a normal teenager. Of course, isn't easy, but we hope, he will succeed more.

As you can figure out, his earlier life 2001-2004 it was a battle between death and life and God gave him a chance.

You know very well, Ali has same foster mom since 2004 and I think this was God's blessing. Even if this woman has no graduated a college, she is a fighter, who did everything she could to Ali as well as for her own child .

Now, this outumn, Ali has been surgered to both ears for "TIMPANOPLASTIE" and the doctor succeeded.

Next step (I think in January 2017) is to correct something at his heart because the surgeries since 2004-2005 didn't remediate all.

After this surgery, in spring 2017 Ali needs implants for 2 cips that will solve permanently his hearing problems, now his is almost deaf. For these medical interventions (are very expensive, around 25000 Euro) we have agreements and the money will be provided by Europeans funds.

Of course, Ali is at school. Is a well educated child, is coy, ceased to be restless in the classroom and and try to keep up with others .

We, here, are aware and grateful that this child lives and will have a normal life because you gave him life from your life.

God bless you all !

We feel strongly that the work of TSC is not yet done. We are praying for God to provide the funds we need to keep going, and we are inviting all of you, both to pray with us and for us, and to help us with your financial gifts to make it happen.

Blessings in the name of Jesus,



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