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To Whom It May Concern:

As general secretary of the Czech Baptist Union, I am writing you regarding our International Ministries missionary couple Pieter and Nora Kalkman. They work as liaison and volunteer coordinators for International Ministries all over Europe, centrally located here in Prague. They are hosted by, and under the wings of our convention for their stay here. We are pleased and proud to have them, and want to keep them for years to come. We hope that this letter helps you to consider to partner with them and their important ministry here in Europe, and so help them to continue to serve.

In the current economic climate they are suddenly facing the challenging task to raise about 90% of their support by September this year! This is a new task, because their support used to be covered by denominational mission funds. This new task, with a few transition years, was initially scheduled to be naturally completed after their upcoming deputation year. However in the current economic crises, which is hitting charities and missions severely, this target date for them as well as for all their colleagues has been shortened a full year, to September this year.

With only 2,7% Bible believing Christians, Europe is a mission-field more than many other areas in the World. The Czech Republic, which is often considered by the polls as most atheistic country in the world has less than 1% Bible believing Christians. missionaries, help, and volunteers are much needed.

Last year we had 81 volunteers, from the USA in the Czech Republic because of the ministry of the Kalkmans as volunteer coordinators to the EBF. We have had volunteers, individuals or groups, through the Kalkmans every year for many years now. One of our churches has more than 30 new believers, that came to Christ through the English language program initiated by the Kalkmans service. The effect from the Kalkmans goes far beyond them, just as one missionary couple. It affects many ministries in the Czech Republic and all over Europe, because their ministry is multiplied through the volunteers that find their way into Europe through the Kalkmans. Also, the mission experience of the volunteers helps them to be a greater blessing to their home Churches in the US, upon return.

As volunteer coordinator to the EBF, the European Baptist Federation, the Kalkmans, based in Prague, help volunteers to do ministry and short term mission work with many of the 50 Baptist Conventions in the 40 countries that affiliate with the EBF. They are widely known, regularly consulted, and well regarded by Baptist leaders all over Europe and the Middle East.

It is my pleasure and honor to invite you to consider to partner or team with the Kalkmans by sending a tax-deductible donation to International Ministries, Valley Forge, PA, with the Kalkmans name in the memo line, before September. You also may consider sending a monthly gift automatically from your bank, and in this way ensure the continuation of the important ministry of the Kalkmans for building the churches in Europe.

May the Lord richly bless each of us as you take interest in the Kalkmans ministry in Europe.

Greetings from Prague,
Sincerely,

Rev. Jan Titera

General Secretary of the Czech Baptist Union.