



International Ministries

Dear Friend of the Kalkmans,

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As the former International Ministries Representative to Europe, then Area Director for Europe and the Middle East and now Executive Director of International Ministries (IM), I am very familiar with the important work of Pieter and Nora Kalkman in Europe and highly recommend their ministry.

The Kalkmans have a proven, effective and sensitive ministry of connecting volunteers with the places in Europe that can benefit from the volunteers' particular experience and skills. Through their extensive network of relationships within the European Baptist Federation, the Kalkmans work with church leaders to identify needs and to match volunteers who then partner with the local church to address those needs.

As you know, because of the continent's great cultural complexity, European Christians live in very diverse contexts – from highly secularized to nominally religious to largely Islamic. The Czech Republic, where I served with IM prior to the Kalkmans arrival, has a majority atheist/agnostic population.

Although the gospel was once widely known across the continent, Europe is now again in great need of the knowledge of Jesus that transforms lives and cultures. We have seen how volunteers can truly make a difference in helping people *come* to faith in Christ, *grow* in their relationship with God and *change* their world through the power of the Spirit. I am reminded of how Barnabas met with the church in Antioch and then helped create the link between Saul and that local church. Working in that kind of partnership, the church's needs were met and many came to faith (Acts 11:19-26). That is the kind of encouraging, advising and facilitating ministry to which the Lord has called Pieter and Nora Kalkman in Europe.

Without reservation I can say that the Kalkmans' ministry is deserving of your prayer and financial support. You can increase the impact of your gift to this ministry through the 360 Matching Fund at [www.internationalministries.org](http://www.internationalministries.org). Your web-based commitment to support the Kalkmans for this next year with a "Dollar a Day" (\$30 a month) will be increased by a 50% match. This will provide sustaining support for the Kalkmans as they enable volunteers to minister throughout Europe. This matching opportunity is available until May 31 or until the Fund is exhausted.

Thank you for considering your help with this important ministry.

Yours together in Mission,

Rev. Dr. Reid Trulson,  
Executive Director