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To Our Faithful Ministry Partners,

We feel we can never adequately express our gratitude for your partnership. It's going on 21 years since we moved to Alaska. Some of you have known us and supported us for all of that time. Others have joined us as your hearts have connected to the Alaska ministry or our work in the Middle East. We often smile about the adventures the Lord has had for us on this journey. Not all have been welcome, but all have formed more of Jesus in us as we have allowed him to mould and move us. We just can't thank you enough for all the ways you have come alongside us. It's so humbling.

We want to share with you some exciting ways the Lord is directing us in 2019 and invite you to continue the journey with us. You are vital in what God has done and will do.

In nearly five years of mentoring mentors we have touched the very heart of the Great Commission. Recently at TLC we baptized some of our students. Actually, one baptized another. These young native men are serious about following Jesus with their lives. One is planning to start a study of the Commands of Christ, with people in the community. He wants to be a preacher. One of our female students will be starting a group as well. And Paulina continues to work toward her pilot's license.

Each year we have helped staff develop in ways to train students in reproducible discipleship and church planting methods including orality, personal and group bible study, evangelism, and a strategy to multiply disciples.

Our training philosophy has four parts: Model Assist Watch Leave (MAWL). Think of this in every area you teach a skill. When we taught our children to swim we first showed them what it is like to be in water and be able to kick and breathe and stroke. Next, we held them and taught them to put their face under water, blow bubbles and come up for breath. With time and practice they developed as swimmers with supervision and eventually to independence. That's what we are going for. The goal has always been to come alongside, integrate into the program and community and then turn over what has been taught, to be carried out locally. That's happening here.

Soon we will host a 3rd Gospel Conversations training that will be 100% led by locals. Trainers from e3 will watch and coach. This is phenomenal. We also have

people in other villages and cities training and multiplying. It's working. We praise God for that.

Though we have invested our time and our lives for these many years we have begun to ask the Lord what to do about the fact we have been unable to keep support at sustainable levels. The need has been critical. The answer came clearly as Eric was recently asked to take a position as Project Manager to develop physical therapy offices throughout Alaska, where he will move into a "9 to 5" philosophy of ministry allowing us to have even broader impact without leaving the field.

So many all around us are thirsty for God yet don't know how to fit within "church". Their pain begs for theological explanations. What better place to show love and have open discussion than one hour, one on one sessions with their physical therapist and office staff. Eric will help develop the clinics and staff them with folks of the same mindset.

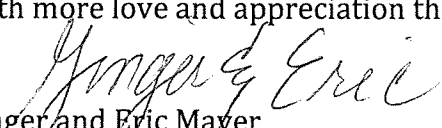
As for me, God is clearly directing me to remain on staff with e3 Partners. I have been training to take on responsibilities as a Senior Trip Leader and Four Fields Trainer. Looking back it is clear God has equipped us for this time of expanded opportunity.

After TLC ends in May we will move back to the road system and will return periodically to strengthen the movement in Port Alsworth and the Southwest region. Eric will roll into his new position this summer, after some vacation time. This next few months will be packed with ministry and wrap up.

We would love to sit down with each of you and tell you our plans, hear your hearts, and celebrate God's great work. Letters are only second best. Know that we love you and that without a doubt God has used your love, prayers and resources to equip and encourage us to continue on wherever He takes us. We look forward to more adventures with the Lord and you.

Due to God's clear direction on us both, in separate capacities, I ask for your continued financial partnership. Like Paul and Barnabas, Eric's "tent making" won't require support. However, I will require continued sponsorship. We are asking you to continue giving as you have in the past. No changes in that process will be required.

With more love and appreciation than you could possibly imagine,


Ginger and Eric Mayer

2 Corinthians 9:10 *"For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a harvest of generosity in you."*