Dear Friends,

This past summer is was involved in ministry in many areas of Romania and briefly in the Ukraine. During the time I was in the Ukraine I was listening to Ukrainian pastors tell of their recent ministry in Eastern Ukraine where there has been war between separatist Russians and Ukrainians. They had been involved digging water wells on Baptist Church properties in cities that have had their infrastructure destroyed or partially destroyed by shelling and bombs. These wells provide clean drinking water for the people of the cities and at the same time allows the believers to share the gospel with the people who need help. The pastors were not sharing this with me but with the other Romanian pastors who were with me. I was very interested in hearing this story as I inquired about what they were saying.

I felt God drop into my heart that I could possibly raise money for 2 of these wells. At the time, I didn't know how much it would cost. Later, my Romanian pastor friend, Ionut Amateesei, told me around \$2000 dollars US. This happened early in my 4 week of meetings in Romania but I could not shake off the thought that if I shared this with my friends and supporters at home we could raise enough for 2 of these wells to be dug.

With God all things are possible. When I arrived back home in mid-August I began to share about my 4 weeks in Romania and in the Ukraine. In less than 1 month I had the \$4000 USD needed to put in two wells. I had contacted my friend Ionut Amateesei about sending the money for one well to him through Money Gram. I sent it and waited for his response. He in the mean time had contacted Pastor Vasille Partika, the leader of the Baptist Church Union in the west Ukraine. Pastor Vasille asked Ionut to invite me to come to Ukraine in Oct/Nov and together the three of us would travel to Eastern Ukraine and give the money to the pastors who will dig the wells in the affected cities that need water.

I will be leaving for Romania on October 31st. We will travel to Eastern Ukraine on November 7th and not return until the 10th. I will continue to minister in Romania until I return to the US on November 15th. We will be able to spend two days in Eastern Ukraine, in the region of Donetsk and Luhansk, working with pastors from the occupied areas where the war is taking place. Our goal is to encourage them and give them Bible teaching which many of them lack due to very few Bible schools in this part of the Ukraine. Also it is our desire to bring them money for winter fuel and food because the winters there can be so harsh and long and resources are few.

This is the assignment that I feel God has called me to at this time. I am simply sharing it with you for two reasons:

First, prayer for us. The areas we are driving into are not stable and there is much risk involved. Your prayer support is invaluable to us for safety and for this trip to be successful in the purposes of God.

Secondly, financial support. The budget for this trip is as follows:

Air fare (Indianapolis to Bucharest and back)
Rental of van, fuel, and travel expenses for travel across Ukraine and
back (20 hour trip one way by vehicle)
Fuel, Food support for the Ukrainian Pastors
Expenses for myself, food, train travel, lodging

I have already raised the money for the wells. I will be hand carrying it to the people. Of the expenses listed above I have already raised \$ 2557.00. I only need about \$700.00 to make this budget. I thank God for His encouragement in helping me with this. I am not good at raising money. But I believe if I can share what I'm doing God will give me people to get behind me to help.

If you would like to be a part of this work in bringing wells to the war torn cities of eastern Ukraine, please send your gift to:

Harvest Community Fellowship, 200 West Main St. Washington, IN 47501.

Just earmark the gift to <u>Jeff Frederick</u>, <u>iWater Ministries</u> in the memo section of the check. Thank you again. Let's continue to keep Jesus at the center of all we do. And may God receive the glory for all He has done.

Yours for His Kingdom ,

Jeff Frederick iWater Ministries

PS. I know I have not given much notice on this trip. First of all, I wasn't prepared to go to the Ukraine. I thought I was going to send the money and follow it up at a later date. But when I was asked to take the money myself I felt it was important to go. So now I am sharing this with you. Secondly, I realize that I need people to help me do this. It's more than I can do myself. So please pray and only do what you believe God is asking you to do.

Thanks, Jeff