To: My Friends in Other Countries: *Please keep reading to learn about the changes in my ministry*.

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Me: I am an LCMS (Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod) pastor in the United States. I serve under the Christ at a small congregation called "Bethlehem" located in Parma, Ohio.

My First Ministry: Preaching, teaching, visiting, and praying among those who attend Bethlehem.

<u>My Second Ministry</u>: Sharing my preaching and teaching online with anyone around the world who is interested in learning and living the Bible. These are ways to access my ministry online:

- Website: <u>www.BLC7500.com</u> access many sermons, studies, and topical brochures
- YouTube: <u>https://www.youtube.com/@benefitfromthebible/videos</u> access sermon videos
- Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/bethlehemparma</u> access sermon videos
- Email: Follow this link and complete the popup form to sign up: <u>www.BLC7500.com</u>

My Third Ministry: Giving a small amount of financial assistance to people with occasional special needs (*not on a regular basis*), especially to men who are studying to become Lutheran pastors or are serving as Lutheran pastors. I want people to have food, clothes, and shelter, *but I especially want them to know Jesus and go to heaven*.

- <u>Current Funds</u>: A *small amount* are available each month (<u>Note</u>: In 2023, significant funds were entrusted to us to distribute to various needs in foreign countries; *those funds have all been distributed*.)
- <u>Source of Funds</u>: I encourage my congregation to give a tithe (10% of whatever they receive). Then the congregation gives a tithe (10%) from what is received to various needs outside of our congregation, as approved by our leadership team.

Requirements to Be Considered for Assistance:

- <u>Faithfully Benefit from My Teaching Ministry</u> By watching, listening to, or reading my weekly sermons.
- Be a Christian By living in repentance (with godly sorrow and trust in Jesus for eternal life). Those who know Jesus will desire to follow God's word (passages from the NASB 1995):
 - Listen to God through the Bible: "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16-17).
 - <u>Talk to God through Prayer</u>: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened" (Matt. 7:7-8).
 - <u>Grow Up in Jesus</u>: "...as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude" (Col. 2:6-7).
 - <u>Live for Jesus</u>: "...He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf" (2 Corinthians 5:15).
 - <u>Put God's Word above Tradition / Culture</u>: "BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.' Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men" (Mark 7:7-8).
 - <u>All Let Us Use Our God-Given Abilities to Provide Our Needs</u>: "...we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all... such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread" (2 Thess. 3:11-12).
 - <u>Pastors Teach Your Congregations to Follow Biblical Stewardship</u>: "Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure-- pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return" (Luke 6:38).

PS: Even if you never receive financial help from my congregation, I hope, by the grace of God and the work of the Holy Spirit, that you continue in what is noted above in the "Be a Christian" section.