



Accountability

April 24, 2017

Dear CERT family and Friends,

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I know you are inundated with appeals for financial support. There are a multitude of organizations that depend upon you, as does CERT, to further their causes.

We are sometimes shocked to learn that only a small percentage of funds donated, even to “big name” organizations, actually go to their stated projects.

Do you ever wonder how your contributions are used? This is a big ? and issue with me. It is called “**accountability**” I want us to be accountable...first to the Lord as to how we use your contributions, and then secondly to you.

Dr. Ken Phillips and his wife, Dot, have a daily Family Devotional available by going to devotional@worldbiblesociety.org. One devotional is on the word “**Accountable**” defined as:

“The obligation to report or justify something; to be held responsible, answerable; capable to being explained.” Cf Romans 14:12

This is a different kind of mailing. I hope you will take the time to read it, and I pray it will give you a glimpse of just how much your financial support and prayers mean to this ministry and to those we serve. I want it to be a letter of “**accountability.**”

Let me share with you ways, means and projects for which we are accountable to you.

Annual Independent Audit. Since my becoming president in 1991, CERT has been audited every year by certified Independent Auditors. The audit is available to anyone upon request. Every year Form 990 is filed with the Internal Revenue Service. **We are accountable to the government!**

CERT is a member of Christian Charities USA, which also requires an audit. CERT is also listed as “The Best of the Best” in the Combined Federal Campaigns with only 1% of gross income going for administrative overhead. **Each of these requires accountability from CERT.**

Medical/Dental Teams. Every year we send between eight and twelve teams of volunteers to needy areas of the world. The team members do not bare any of the administrative office expense of CERT. With token support from the team members, CERT provides all the medical and dental supplies. We need volunteers. ***It happens because you care.***

Shipment of Medical Supplies: In the past three years we have shipped a combined total of \$57,415,622 of medical supplies and equipment to various needy countries. You, our faithful partners, provide on average \$12,000 per shipment. This is an urgent need as we must have the funds in advance. We were recently offered some \$17,000,000 of medical supplies. The shipping costs were needed immediately. We had to turn the offer down because we did not have the \$12,000 available. Yes, we need you. ***It happens because you care.***

Jamaica – Farm/Food Project: A self-help project involving the poor providing the labor needed tending a chicken farm, and planting and harvesting crops. With it there will be education provided for the poor children. CERT has pledged initially \$4,000 with goal of \$350 per month maintenance. The director of the project is a Jamaican with a heart to help the poor. He needs people like you and me...people who care. ***It can happen... “Count on it!”***



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Andes Mountains in Peru: Described only as “Incredible.” Inocencio, president of CERT Peru Board of Directors, church planter, and medical/dental team’s coordinator. He will soon be a licensed attorney representing CERT and aiding the poor in the Andes Mountains ranging from 10,000 to 14,000 feet elevation extending into unreached areas with medical/dental aid and sharing Jesus. Financial requirement monthly \$2,200. Do we care? ***It happens because you care.***

Romania: Pastor supplemental support program whose income is below the poverty level. We currently have 28 pastors in the program, but support for only 26. The director of our work in Romania is Aniel who receives only \$100 per month. We are lacking sponsors for two pastors at \$75 each, plus the \$100. I am so grateful for those of you who are helping. This year we will be reaching over into Moldova with a medical/dental team. ***Because together we care.***

Afghanistan: We have helped Ibrahim, a dear brother who came to know the Lord back about 1989 or 90. He was an interpreter for our team to his country. Ibrahim, at risk of his own life, started a school teaching women and young girls how to read and write. He is far up in the mountains out of the Taliban held territory. We (you) supported Ibrahim and village after village started requesting that he start a school. He then started a tailoring school teaching women how to sew enabling them to help support their families. We had to discontinue in 2014, due to our inability to raise the necessary funds for the three tailoring schools at a cost of \$8,500 plus an additional \$1,600 to purchase sewing machines for his graduates. It was a sad day when I had to tell Ibrahim that we would not be able to continue the support. ***What a day of rejoicing it would be if together we could once again support Ibrahim.***

Folks, I want us to be accountable to you. Don’t ever hesitate to ask questions.

Looking back over nearly 30 years at CERT, there is only one task that I have never learned to enjoy. That one task is having to continually ask for your financial support. Yet, the scriptures say, ***“You have not because you ask not,”*** so I keep asking. How I thank God for each of you.

Your gift in whatever amount, together, can make a big difference. If you have never given before, could I challenge you to give a first time, one time, gift of \$10...\$20...\$50...or whatever God puts on your heart.

To all, can I challenge you to make a note where you will see it each day that says, **“PRAY FOR CERT.”** Pray for me...I covet your prayers.

I do need and ask for your prayers and financial support. Are we over extended. Yes, but God has been faithful... YOU have been faithful. We need more folks like you with hearts of compassion who enjoy the blessing of giving. God blesses the cheerful giver.

Be a spokesperson, a representative, sharing why you support CERT and encourage others to prayerfully consider becoming a member of our CERT family.

God bless you richly,



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