

Dear Partner,

I hope this letter finds you in the joy of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As I write to you, I am reminded of Paul's words to the church in Philippi: "In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:4-5).

I love the word Paul uses to describe his relationship with the church in Philippi. He uses the Greek word *koinonia*, which is often translated as fellowship but is better translated here as *partnership*, because of the way the Philippian church shared the ministry with Paul. Together they shared the Gospel and the needs associated with it to the community around them.

Like Paul, I can say that I am so thankful that I get to partner with you in the Gospel. We have had the joy of sharing the Gospel together. We have cared for the needs of one another. And we have financially partnered together. We, as a church, love partnering with you!

As a partner, I want to make you aware of a need. Looking ahead to the end of this fiscal year, we are projecting a \$50,000 shortfall. Will you consider making an extra gift to help us meet this need?

As I think about our new year ahead, I am reminded of the words that God spoke through Jeremiah to His people: "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11). God has wonderful things in store for us as we strive to live out our primary calling of loving God, loving one another, and making disciples. I am excited to rejoice in that hope with all of you.

Again, I want to thank you for your partnership and investment this past year. I look forward to continuing this partnership in the coming year. Your continual giving is not only appreciated, but also crucial to every facet of our church life as we move forward together in faith. I look forward to continued joyful prayers of thanksgiving.

Joyfully partnering with you,



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