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Greetings from Germany.

2017 is ending soon, and a new year will begin. Thanks to each of you for your provision through prayer, financial giving and connecting with what I'm doing in Europe through short term teams.

Teams have come to serve from throughout North America and Europe. Many groups & individuals travelled to Lesvos to assist in the ministry to refugees, English programs were offered in Athens and Frankfurt. Other teams came to serve during our all-GEM conference in August. Sites that were blessed by folks giving their time for a couple of weeks include the Dublin Christian Mission in Ireland, a refugee ministry in Belgium, Camp of the Peaks in the French Alps and Holsby Bible school in Sweden.

When I'm not helping to facilitate preparing our short-term teams to serve, I continue to enjoy being involved in the English evenings. Many of the Germans who attend return year after year. It's a highlight each week to go out and spend time with these folks.

And what will 2018 have for me and for the ministry? For one thing, it looks like I'll be back in Canada for about three months in spring. I hope to send more information to you on that in the new year.

We're preparing even now for the volunteers who will go out to serve in various ways. Groups are preparing to help refugees in Greece, do renovation work at camps and schools, and use teaching English as a tool for the local churches.

And I'm excited that our administrative staff will be growing. Jessica hopes to come in spring.

As this year concludes, I'd ask you to consider financially supporting my ministry, with a special year end gift or in a monthly contribution. The Canadian exchange rate to Euro has gone down considerably this past year. Many in my present support base are retired seniors, so it's important to have others come alongside to continue what these dear folks have provided over the years.

To those in Canada, here's a link to give to my ongoing service:

<http://www.gemission.org/canada>

To those in the US, you may use this link: <http://www.gemission.org/missionaries/unger>

Have a blessed Christmas!

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