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Dear Pastor Balduc,

I thank God for you and the people of St. Peter for your prayers and support. Your love for all people shines so brightly. You are a congregation with a vision for mission multiplication. Thank you.

The ministry that I am leading is called Urban Ministry Associates International. It has a local presence in the metroplex with an international vision. Locally, I am working with three Eritreans in Texas who are and will be either in the colloquy program or enrolled in one of the distance educations that leads to ordination. I also will be available for consulting with congregations in the USA who have or are doing ministry among Eritrean immigrants.

The second part of my ministry is working with the Evangelical Church of Eritrea to train pastoral candidates and continue education for the existing pastors. All the current pastors do have a certificate-level education. The plan is to have an accredited program so that they will all have a B.Div degree.

I am also working with the Ethiopian Evangelical Church- Mekane Yesus, (Ethiopian Lutheran Church) to train 6 pastors to serve two new congregations in Addis Ababa Ethiopia, and expand that to all Northeast African metropolitan areas, where most of the Eritrean refugees live.

I am also going to lead, as the general editor, the translation of Lutheran documents such as the Book of Concord, into the Eritrean vernaculars. I am going in May to teach two of the final courses for the current seminary students and organize the translation team to begin its work in the Fall. Lutheran Heritage Foundation will cover printing/publication expenses.

Your prayers and financial support are appreciated. Please make the check payable to Urban Ministry Associates, Memo "Eritrean Mission Project" and send it to:

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