

July 15, 2015

Dear friends of Len and Mary Reed,

These are busy days for the Reeds as they prepare for a new chapter in their lives. If you had walked in their shoes over the last year, you would have learned how to live like modern nomads, become empty nesters, see a much loved home and ministry "disappear," pack up and move after nineteen years, say good-bye to friends, and launch out into an unknown pioneering assignment without assurance of sufficient support and with the knowledge that there is no blueprint for the task to which they have been assigned. All of this change and dislocation occurred with uncertainties being a feature of their daily diet – a diet which could easily have left them despondent, embittered, or complaining. Because you prayed and supported them in practical ways, God has sustained them and given them hope, courage, and faith.

How is it possible after such wonderful years of service in Kandern, Germany that such a personally cataclysmic change could occur? You have read in their newsletters of the ministry they provided, the people they helped, and the joy they brought to a very special local community. They were the right people, at the right time, serving in the right way, and for a wonderful cause. Now we have asked them to set that aside and entrust the fruit of their labor in Germany to our Heavenly Father who ensures that such treasure is never lost, stolen or destroyed (Matt 6:19). Why would we do such a thing?

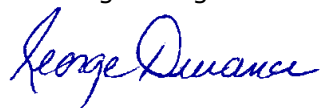
Two congruent factors led to this change: 1) Others are now onsite in Germany who are willing to step into the void created by the Reeds' departure, and 2) The assignment we have in mind requires an experienced, visionary, competent, adaptable couple. Most of you know that TeachBeyond has grown at an incredible rate. Therefore, it is imperative that we develop infrastructure to ensure the growth matures and deepens. It is imperative that we have a convenient, inexpensive facility where people can come together to plan, to train and be trained, and to study the concepts and values of "transformational education." Without this it is possible we would come to offer just "education" when our Father has called us to provide "transformational" education – that medium the Holy Spirit is using so effectively for Great Commission purposes.

We are asking the Reeds to help us solve the challenge of hosting people in a way that aligns with their philosophy of Sanctuary. We want everyone who comes to and through the Global Centre to be loved, cared for, inspired, and served. Who could do this better than the Reeds! As time permits, they will also help with other tasks such as Strategic Planning (Len) and Personnel/Member Care (Mary).

Many of you have supported them for years. I would not only like to thank you for this, but to commend them to you as wonderful, faithful servants chosen and gifted by God for this type of ministry. Would you stand with them now as they relocate to England and take on this important new ministry? We anticipate their living costs are likely to be about 20% higher than they were in Kandern and their support account is correspondingly short about 20%.

May God bless and encourage you as you consider how you could help them in this new, exciting ministry.

Warm greetings in Jesus' Name,



George Durance, President