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“Earn the right to speak. Build trust through relationships”. Over and over again I have heard variations of this same truth from experienced field workers who served in the field where I am soon to take my family. “Expect a lot of tea and don’t rush anything but take your time and show value to those you speak”.

We are going to Afghanistan to serve. Our professional skills open doors in several areas. This gives us a reason to be there. But the depth of our purpose is far greater than that of humanitarian aid as important as that is.

I have come to believe more in life that arguments and persuasive words do not win a heart or change a mind to the depths of the things eternal. This is not to say we do not speak. It is only H.S. that will bring brothers and sisters home to Dad through our feeble words and actions. My Job is to live life well and by so doing to influence lives for the better. I want to show mercy and character, always pointing to the head of our home, showing that I want to be like my father who is directing us. It is a life by example.

In the region we will live, people already naturally assume you as well as all westerners are Christians. We come from a Nation that is thought to be Christian. We don’t need to hide the fact of our faith but show genuine love, not

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I commented to Julie about this, trying to inform and comfort her at the same time and said “if we had been there, our kids still would have been fine. We are blessed enough that we would be able to afford to heat a room in a house”.

She then replied “yes and some of those kids would also now be still alive because we would have shared our fuel.”

We are excited and ready to leave and begin our task. Would you prayerfully consider taking on one of our special needs to send us to Afghanistan. We



## *I Need... To Say Thanks*

A few nights ago Elias was looking at a magazine full of toy trains and train tracks. As he looked through the magazine he began pointing out the trains and tracks that he didn’t have and telling me desperately how much he “needed” these new items. I explained to him how blessed he was to have trains and tracks and that he needed to be thankful for what he had.

As I sat talking to Elias, I shared with him about the little children that he would soon meet in Afghanistan that were living in bombed out buildings. These kids have no toys; they have the clothes on their back and nothing more. As Ray mentioned in his article, over 180 children have frozen to death in the past weeks. Some parents in Kabul have been feeding their children opium to take away their children’s pain as they lay their dying from the cold.

I tucked Elias in bed and we prayed together for the children that would be sleeping outside that night, who would wake up in the morning, hungry and have little or no food to eat. Elias and I thanked our Father for all the toys he had and all his blessings.

After Elias was tucked in, I thought to myself “How often am I like that in my life”? I look at our borrowed vehicle, our suitcase of clothes that have become very old to us and have the exact same thoughts. How often did I remember to thank our father for giving us a warm house to live in as we griped about the heating cost? How often did I look in a full cupboard of food and say “there is nothing to eat”, or a closet stuffed with clothes (back when we had a closet) only to think “I have nothing to wear”. I know I have been guilty for forgetting the many blessings he has given to me.

How about you? We tell our father how much we need things when we already have an abundance. We live in a nation of excess!

How many times have I gotten caught up in a “Bless me” attitude and forgotten to thank him for what I already had. I wonder how much our “me” attitude must grieve our father. I am not saying we shouldn’t have things, or that our Father doesn’t want to bless us. Let’s just remember to be thankful for the abundance we already have. - Julie

### *Our Specific Needs*



- Airline Tickets - 11500.00
- Visas - 2000.00
- Passports - 230.00
- Immunizations - 340.00
- Water Filter - 130.00
- UPS Battery - 110.00
- Home Schooling Material - Cost?
- Phone Cards/ Shoes/ Books/ CD’s
- Luggage - 300.00
- Shipping - 2500.00
- Language School - 4000.00
- Computer & Printer - 2800.00
- Adobe Acrobat - 478.00
- Security Equipment - 300.00
- Solar Equipment - Cost???
- Power Inverter - Cost???
- Power Generator - Cost???

If you wish to sponsor one of these needs or if you know of a practical way we can meet them, please [contact us](#). We will have an A.P.O. address so shipping will be cheap and secure.



## What Is...???




*Educational Concepts International*  
CHANGING THE FUTURE BY EMPOWERING THOSE WHO HOLD THE FUTURE IN THEIR HANDS

This letter is the only time we are going to make a very important announcement so please note that the Siebrings are now under and serving with ECI. This is the Non Governmental Organization that we will be working with in Afghanistan.

We are not and have not switched from our affiliation with YWAM Strategic Frontiers. Our finances, Headquarters and basically all operations are still through YWAM SF but we cannot serve in a restricted access country such as Afghanistan under a known Christian organization such as YWAM.

All Financial support is still to be designated to YWAM with the addition of the Siebrings new donor number 340 placed in the memo section of the check. All support will be forwarded on to the Siebrings and a receipt and thank you letter will be mailed to you.

You will also notice a more "sanitized" newsletter coming to you in the future. What we mean by "sanitized" is the change of writing style that may not be as openly religious in our use of terms or descriptions. We hope you understand the purposes of these security precautions and changes, but if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us and we can go into greater depth of explanation.

 P.S. For those who are reading this newsletter electronically [click here](#) to send a response.

Outgoing Support	
Minimum Outgoing Support Needed	22,110.00
Amount Received	45000.00
Percentage Complete	20%

Monthly Ministry Support	
Minimum Monthly Support Needed	5400.00
Committed	4950.00
Actual Received: Feb.	3065.00

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### Praise & Prayer

#### Praise:

- Our acceptance, confirmation and invitation to serve with ECI in Afghanistan
- Great relationships being built with our local church "Newlife"

#### Prayer

- Our monthly support to come up to the needed levels - \$5400.00
- Financial provision for our outgoing expenses. - \$21,000.00

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### Our Tentative Timeline...



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