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Dear Friends,

This is one of the toughest letters I have ever had to write. Why? Because the Lord is asking me to do something that takes me completely out of my comfort zone and goes against all that my human reasoning says to do. Because so many people give larger gifts at the end of the year to get those final income tax deductions, December gives us a good “reserve” of funds to start the next fiscal year.

However, this has been a tough year for many people. The world is coming out of one of the worst economic slumps in modern day history. Many people are out of work. Many are losing their homes. Others are facing struggles with medical bills. Others are facing difficult family circumstances such as divorce, drug addiction, alcoholism, and wayward children. There is fear and uncertainty all around us.

We are not exempt. The Amazon Basin just went through the worst flooding in recorded history. Homes were washed away, cattle lost, businesses closed. Children drowned. It was devastating. But you came to our aid. Thousands of dollars came in to help rebuild homes, get food to the hungry, and provide medical care for the sick. And all of this was on top of our normal church-planting activities. It was truly a way to show the love of God by meeting both spiritual and physical needs.

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We have seen PAZ income drop as well through these tough times. We have made adjustments. And we were depending on the normal increase in year-end giving to give us a major boost as we enter 2010. However, the Lord is asking me to do something different. I would like to ask you to consider using part or all of your year-end donation to reach out and bless someone you know who is crying for help. Forget about the tax deduction. Make a

personal difference in the life of someone who is hurting near you. Make that house payment for them. Pay that medical, gas or electric bill. Get their car fixed or buy them a Christmas dinner. Share the love of Jesus in a meaningful, practical way.

During this past year Becky and I personally helped a young couple build a small brick home. Along with their five children they were living in a thatch-covered, leaky, and rotting home. The wife and oldest daughter recently came to visit and gave their hearts to the Lord. The husband had already been serving the Lord but the wife had been resistant. Love in times of need will break down barriers.

What about PAZ? That's a good question. Our dependence is on the Lord. Normally He supplies the needs of the mission through our regular donors. But this will be a time that we will need to wait on Him and see how He provides. He is able!

Please do not divert your regular giving for the missionaries. I am only referring to those donations that are for the mission, not for the missionaries.

God has always seen PAZ through the tough times! We have so much to be thankful for! And we want to thank you for your generous financial support throughout the year. May you experience the wonderful presence of the Lord this Christmas season as you reach out to those around you, just as you have reached out to those in the forgotten communities of the Amazon.

We love and appreciate you!



Jeff Hrubik (for Becky and the whole PAZ team)



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Home for Christmas! For Ana Maria and her family, the love of Christ shows up as bricks and mortar.