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Dear Colaborers in Christ,

At the time of writing this letter, it appears that the pandemic is waning. I want to personally thank you for supporting us through the most challenging 14 months Union Mission has experienced in a very long time. Your generosity allowed us to meet the needs of our clients as well as reach out to people in need unique to the pandemic.

There is a trend we are seeing, however, post-pandemic. We are seeing indications that the costs of basic goods are going to increase. We all have seen the price of lumber spike and fuel is starting to creep up too. Did you know that most of the nation's commodity grains are dramatically increasing with some over 100% recently? This is an indication that food prices will increase soon.

Inflation and rising prices are not anything new to Union Mission, but we would like to be more proactive in preparing for the cost increases of our basic needs. We have designated the month of July to focus primarily on the fuel supply for Union Mission over the next 12 months.

FUEL THE MISSION is a month-long initiative to raise an additional \$25,000 above our normal budget to purchase fuel. At the current per gallon price of gasoline and diesel, we estimate \$25K will provide 12 months' worth of fuel for our semi-truck, box trucks, passenger vans, and ERT trucks. Gifts designated to this effort will be tracked and we will post regular updates of the progress toward our goal. By raising money now for fuel, we will be better prepared this fall when we make our largest food purchases. Having the fuel costs covered will free up funds to purchase food in light of the pending cost increase.

While the campaign officially kicks off on July 1, I wanted to personally ask you to consider helping us hit the ground running (or revving in this case) by making an additional gift in June designated to the FUEL THE MISSION campaign. I understand June is the kickoff to vacation season, but please consider an additional contribution to help us get ahead of increasing fuel costs. You can designate your gift online via our website or you can designate your gift on the return piece included.

Thank you for helping provide Union Mission with the resources to continue helping the hurting people of West Virginia. If you have any questions or would like to tour our facility, please do not hesitate to contact me so some time can be set aside to meet.

Your Friend,



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