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Dear Members of the Grants Working Group:

We want to express our thanks for investing \$1,500 into our Hunger Relief Ministries Expansion. We also want to update you on our progress so far.

When we applied for grant funds, we were hoping to increase the number of meal bags in our bagged meal program to 50, to increase the nutritional value of the meals, and to begin hosting quarterly, free community dinners. We worked closely with the Intermediate School (which, at the time, was the sole recipient of the bagged meals) and immediately began packing 50 meals for at-risk students in our community once we received your grant. Also, in December, we hosted our first free community dinner in conjunction with a Christmas-tree lighting, which was lightly attended but with the hope of a greater reach in the future. One thing we have learned along the way is that since we are supported largely by outside food donations, it is hard to control the nutritional value of the items we received. Nevertheless, we remain committed to making healthy food choices when possible.

Through effective promotion, our congregation, as well as the broader community (including other congregations), has been energized to support our work. One nearby church has come alongside us to resource and help host our community dinners, and the support of the bagged meal program continues to be overwhelming. High School teachers felt so strongly about its impact at the Intermediate School, that they are working with us to pack an additional 15 bagged meals for the High School now. This ministry is giving our congregation a renewed sense of purpose and mission, and it is giving life to the community.

God has been so active in our lives, helping us to get to know our neighbors and nurturing a deep empathy for them and a sense of obligation to meeting their needs. Our efforts with the bagged meal program are helping people to see just how deeply impoverished much of our community is, and God is giving us the vision and resources to help humanize our neighbors and alleviate their struggle. Your support has been instrumental in that process.

Thank you for believing in us, and for supporting our effort to love our neighbors here in Corfu.

In Christ's peace,
The Bagged Meal Program Team

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