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Dear Madam Ambassador,

Wouldn't it be great to really be addressed like this? Well, we're writing to let you know that you can indeed earn the title of Ambassador. And it won't cost much!

You see, we want to thank you first of all for your support of Prison Fellowship Albania (sh.k.b.sh). You are familiar with our work: we're active in eighteen prisons where we meet weekly with hundreds of prisoners.

But we also help the destitute *families* of prisoners all over Albania. We reach them via close cooperation with local churches, to nurture them not just materially, but also spiritually, through life-changing contact with the wider family of believers. And through a monthly sponsor program we help hundreds of children, and encourage them to feel free from prejudice and become strong members of society.

However, at the front line we are frequently confronted with situations requiring urgent solutions: The victims, (prisoners' families), are too deep in the poverty trap and vicious circle of social and bureaucratic harshness to save themselves from escalating family crises with tragic further consequences ironically drawing them or their children deeper into crime and degradation. Often the remedy is so simple, yet financially just out of reach of these families as to be impossible. At these times, a quick cash injection could literally save the fate and course of an entire life!

Therefore, for these and other general costs we are looking for donors who could create a certain income-flow. We do not want to turn away a child who needs medicine, a released ex-convict who needs documents to begin a new life, or (as we discovered recently) a family trying to live through winter in a building without doors or windowpanes. What you might spend on dinner for two in a smart restaurant, could buy the wood and glass.

So I would like to ask you, Madam Ambassador, to find us three or more people who could become monthly donors to our work. Three donors could make a huge immediate and lasting difference to the many people our work reaches, and also help connect them with our partners, the local churches, where many have already heard the gospel of Jesus Christ and accepted Him as their personal Saviour.

The good news is that donations to our work are now tax-deductable, and it's easy for ambassadors: Just click the donate button at <https://www.justgiving.com/prisonfellowship-albania>

Thank you so much.

Yours sincerely,

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