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Dear Grandchildren

abuelo, abuela, abuelita, abuelita,
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abuelo, abuela, abuelita, abuelita,
Grandfather, Grandmother, Grandfather,
Grandmother, datuk, datuk,
datuk, datuk;

“Will you still need me, will you still feed me, When I'm sixty-four?” (Beatles, when I am 64)

Grandfathers are great. They give a pat on the head when you need it, they have a piece of candy in their pocket, and if you run to them crying, they will do stepwise Logistic Regression for you. Talk about great guys.

Well, Grandfather Ron, is 64, and very proud to be a grandfather of our global health family and the Supercourse.

I was just at a wonderful global health meeting in Taiwan organized by my former student, Minister of Health Wen-Ta Chiu, M.D., Dr.Ph. I had an important realization. I am Grandfather Ron of our Global Health family and the Supercourse. I realized that I have over 42,000 global Grandchildren I began to calculate my global health production of epidemiologic sons and daughters and I have been quite prolific. I trained 31 Ph.D. students, 200 Master students, and 1000 students in research training courses. If each of my global health children mentored

30 students then I have 42,000 grand global children. This does not include the millions of our children of global health who have been taught with the Supercourse. I am very proud of you. All 42000 children and grandchildren in our global health family are linked together by our “altruism” gene. We help each other, we help our children, and we help our country and the world. It is wonderful to be the grandfather our global health kinsfolk.

“No lofty title or position at work will ever mean as much to me as “grandpa””

As Grandfather Ron, I want to give two gifts to my family. With my brothers Eugene (Russia), Francois (US), and sisters Eman (Egypt) and Faina (US) we give you a beautiful Global Health calendar for 2014.

<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/ACalendar2010/calendar2014.htm>

Please share the calendar to your academic family. Print this and bring global health, to your office and home for 2014. Eugene did a fantastic job, and we promise you will love it. Also, this is a special calendar as you can modify it and become, for example, the month of June.

“Spending time with your grandparents is always a good thing to do, for I discover things, and always learn something new”

Grandfather Ron also wants to help Supercourse parents. It is frightening to see your children leave for school in another country, a voyage into the unknown.

During the past few years we have helped your children when they come to the US. I have been the “grandfather” of children training in the US. In the unlikely event that an emergency occurs they (or you) can contact me.

We try and provide some comfort to you and your child in the US, and reduce the fear of the unknown while your children are in America.

“The oldest and strongest emotion of mankind is fear, and; the oldest and strongest kind of fear is fear of the unknown” H.P. Lovecraft

Therefore worried parents please give Grandfather Ron’s contact information to your children. Ronald LaPorte, 332 Bridge brook Lane, Wexford PA, 15261, USA, Ronaldlaporte@gmail.com you or they can call me on my cell at 412 915 9415 if your children need help in an emergency. Grandpa Ron will do what he can to help reduce worry when your child half a world away.

We received this wonderful warm note from Mohammad Asif Alokozai from Afghanistan:

“We have a saying here (Dil ba Dil Aina Ast), it means that (The Heart of Friends are Mirror to each other). So it’s the truth. I receive and read your emails, and each email gives me new insights to do better.” This makes a Global Health Grandfather feel very good.

Donate to the Supercourse:

Grandfatherly advice:

We are pleased to give all our global team presents, the year 2014 and freedom from fear for your children being educated in foreign lands.

There is no better way to reach and teach 1000s students about global health then the BA Supercourse. Our lectures have taught over 50 million students at a cost of only 0.06 cents per lecture viewing.

We very much need your help to keep the BA Supercourse going another year to teach and reach 1000s if not millions more students. To paraphrase Tina Turner, People in the Supercourse are happy to give. Almost all of our effort is by volunteers worldwide. Eugene Shubnikov as you know is our star Russian Contributor, we need to support his salary for the next year to keep the supercourse running. We want to thank Apryl Eshelman who started this effort with us several years ago. Your annual support for the BA supercourse has been most generous, and most needed.

We very much would appreciate if you could provide even a small donation (\$10.00) to the BA Supercourse for 2014 to especially support the most wonderful Russian Supercourse developer, Eugene.

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<http://www.pitt.edu/~super1/assist/supporters.htm> is the list of our loyal supporters from the past, please join them.

If you have any questions, please email me ronaldlaporte@gmail.com

“We shall scrimp and save
Grandchildren on your knee
Eman, Yang, and Becky” (Beatles, When I am 64 sort of)

"Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity" (WHO)

Best Regards,
Feel Free to call me Grandfather Ron
Grandpa Ron and
Faina, Eugene, François, Shalkar, Nicholas, Francis, Gil, Mita, Ismail, Eric, Kawkab, Vint, Ali, Olga,
Maria, Eman, your grandparents and the whole Supercourse family “Send me a postcard, drop
me a line, Stating point of view.” (Beatles, When I am 64)