

November/December 2024

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

As we approach the end of the year and the upcoming holidays, Karen and I want to express our appreciation for your faithful prayers, support and encouragement over the past year. We wish you a very joyous Christ honoring Thanksgiving and Christmas with God's family and yours. We certainly are looking forward to spending the holidays this year with our Stateside family and friends.

Our last Sunday at IBC we enjoyed a great meal and fellowship as the church sent us off for furlough. One of our supporting pastors, Brian Weiss from Mt Zion Baptist Church in St. Clair, MO was with us on this special day and preached the afternoon service. The Lord has blessed the transition, we are excited about the future of IBC, but it is a bitter sweet time as a missionary. Each church we have started is unique. The Lord has blessed this ministry beyond measure. As to the future, we are looking at how to expand this ministry and the start of new churches in Pretoria.

One way of bringing like minded Independent Baptist churches together for fellowship is the "5th Sunday Rally". Every 5th Sunday IBC churches gather together at a different church in the Johannesburg/Pretoria area in the afternoon for preaching and fellowship. IBC hosted the one in September and had over 250! People were crammed into the building and sitting/standing around outside. Pastor Gary said realistically we could only hold about 125. Many came the longer distance to Pretoria to encourage Pastor Gary and his family as well as to see what the Lord's doing in Pretoria.



Furlough travel has officially started! Our very first meetings took us from Charlotte, North Carolina to our furthest destination being Sioux City, Iowa. Our trip lasted three weeks, arriving at six different locations and traveling almost 3,600 miles. We visited seven different churches which included a Missions Conference and the BLMF Scripture Conference.

The trip also allowed us to spend a couple days with my older brother and his family, four personal supporters and some very special people to Karen and I. We also met a small deer during our travels! Fortunately she was big enough not to go under the car and small enough not to go over the hood. Even though we were able to slow the vehicle we count it a miracle that there was absolutely no damage to the front end. Only about 4 hairs were left in the grill. God is GOOD!

Please make note of our new T-Mobile numbers: Mine is (256) 874-4490 & Karen's is (256) 874-9660.

Yours In Missions, Bro. Jerrold Myers

