Serving our Generation ... Reaching the Next

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Dear Pastor and Church Family,

"And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which ***was told them*** *concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which* ***were told them*** *by the shepherds" (Luke 2:17-18).* In this beautiful portion of the Christmas story, we see "missions in motion." We have those who **told** and those who were **told.** I am indeed grateful that I have been told the wonderful story of the birth of Jesus Christ, but with that privilege comes a great responsibility to "GO and TELL" others, especially since our world recently reached the population mark of 7 billion souls. Let us seize the opportunities we have this Christmas season to be bearers of the glad tidings!

During the preceding fall season, we had the opportunity to participate in and/or preach and teach in three mission conferences (including our home church in Lancaster), three mission emphasis Sundays, and fill the pulpit in one church, teaching and preaching a total of 21 times in the states of California and Washington. **For four of those churches, this was the first time they had had a missions emphasis or a missions conference.** We traveled 3,230 road miles and 2,000 air miles, for a total of 5,230 miles, making lasting friendships with some wonderful, godly people who love souls, missions and missionaries.

When not in regularly scheduled services, we visited four churches, attended two pastors' fellowship meetings, taught 20 Bible college missions classes, hosted an MK (missionary kid) fellowship at our house and coordinated two others at West Coast Baptist College. We distributed 1,970 BIMI World magazines to three western states Bible colleges and had numerous opportunities to represent BIMI and missions to a number of prospective missionaries. However, the highlight of the fall season was to personally tell the "good news" of the gospel on numerous occasions and to see three precious souls come to Christ for salvation. Then just last week we had the joy of seeing one lady we had visited follow the Lord in baptism.

Please pray for us as we seek by faith to branch out in 2012 and represent missions and BIMI in other independent Baptist churches in neighboring western states. Would you also please pray for the following requests?

1. A full schedule of meetings in 2012.
2. God's power in preaching and in presenting missions in the churches.
3. Health, safety and traveling mercies.
4. Increase in work fund support.

To all of our faithful supporting churches across the USA...thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord and to us in 2011! May you have a Christ-centered Christmas and a blessed and fruitful New Year.

Looking for and waiting for Him,

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Titus 2:13