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### **"Where We've Been"**

Since August, we have traveled over 15,000 miles, conducted meetings in nine states, and been privileged to see over 70 souls come to Christ as Savior. These have been incredible days of ministry enjoyment as we have seen God work in genuine revival power. Every church has been dramatically impacted. Pastors have been greatly encouraged, and God's people have made life-changing decisions. I (along with the entire family) cannot remember a time when we have enjoyed the ministry more than now.

Our youth camp in August (our 21st year of participation in Camp Northwest) was unique. In addition to the 18 young people that came to Christ, we saw the Lord work mightily in the lives of campers and staff alike. I cannot remember a week of camp that I have enjoyed more. Our theme was "The Camp Northwest Olympiad" which capitalized on the Beijing Olympic excitement. We were able to have two former Olympic athletes visit camp, both of whom are committed Christians. Their testimonies were powerful to say the least.

After spending six weeks in the great northwest, we made our way home for a few days of rest prior to several weeks of ministry in the mid-west. Each church was a blessing to us, as I trust we were to them. When pastors are encouraged and excited about what God is doing in their ministry, as a result of the meeting, I am thrilled and humbled. To have a part in God's great work of redemption is something I relish with increasing enthusiasm.

Following our meetings in the mid-west, we made our way, for the second time in our ministry, to Massachusetts and Maine. It was exciting, to say the least, to visit this area of the country in the month of November. Because of the warm fall we've had, the leaves were almost at peak during our time there. The kaleidoscope of colors was breathtaking.

The beauty of the scenery was surpassed by the beauty and kindness of the people of Trinity Evangelical Church in North Reading, MA. Our connection to this church began over two years ago when Dr. Bruce Wedlock (former Professor of Engineering at Mass. Institute of Technology) and his dear wife Marjorie attended one of our meetings in Florida. Bruce was visiting his brother, John, who invited him to attend a service. At the conclusion of a message I preached on the Judgment Seat of Christ, Bruce and Marjorie walked forward to accept Christ. The transformation in this couple has been astounding. Upon return to North Reading, they immediately found Trinity, joined, and have become an integral part of this warm and loving body of believers. Since their salvation, Bruce and Marjorie have worked tirelessly to get us to North Reading.

Because I had a few days open in my schedule, we were able to fit in a brief stop to Trinity. In three services, we saw 18 people come to Christ, and this in the liberal, intellectual Boston area. A highlight of the week was an outstanding tour Betsy and I were able to take of the greater Boston area. Our tour guides (and hosts for the week) were Kris and Laura Mineau. Kris is president of the Mass. Family Institute (the Mass. chapter of James Dobson's ministry), and a former F-15 fighter pilot. He is a wealth of information about Boston, historically and religiously. My heart broke as we walked up Beacon Hill (the ritzy section of Boston, and the location of Sen. John Kerry's home), visited Harvard University, and overlooked Boston harbor. This great city, once alive with religious fervor, and in many ways the seat of our republic, is almost totally devoid of spiritual life. As we walked Boston Common (right in the heart of the city), I prayed that God would allow us the privilege of preaching His dear Son in that destitute place. The response of the people to our ministry could be summed up by this statement, "This is exactly what we need! We need preaching that directly and powerfully addresses the needs of men and women." One dear lady eloquently stated it this way, "We have been praying for over 20 years that God would revive our church and our city. I believe He has begun plowing the ground for that revival this week." Pray with us about a return to that beautiful, but spiritually needy city. I can say this, that I now carry a great burden for the Boston area and long to preach the gospel in the very heart of that thriving metropolis.

We begin a crusade this week in the Mocksville-Statesville area of North Carolina. What began as a local church meeting has now expanded to a full crusade in a school gymnasium as numerous other churches have come on board to participate. Pray for the gospel to go forth in power and that the entire area will feel its effect. This is close to my home, so I earnestly desire to see God move in real revival in this area.

Thank you to all of you who have prayed so fervently and supported us so faithfully. Because you are co-laborers with us, you share a reward in each soul that comes to Christ. We could not do it without you.

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