



Dear Prayer Warriors and Supporters,

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We would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as missionaries. Because of your faithful support, we are about to close the chapter on another great opportunity of service for our Lord.

We finished our work in Tucson, Arizona, in August, and left part of our heart at Oasis Baptist Church. We thank the Lord for the Watson family and pray that God will enrich and bless that ministry with continued growth and a harvest of souls for His glory. It took me a while to make the transition from the lush green east coast to the desert, but I finally learned to see the beauty of that part of God's creation while we were there.

The journey from Arizona to Canada allowed me the opportunity to spend the weekend with Paul and Melody Escalara. What a blessing that was! Paul and Melody have a wonderful ministry helping small Baptist churches that are struggling without a pastor. They moved to Hastings, Nebraska a couple of years ago and have done a wonderful job pulling the church family at Grace Baptist Church together and building that ministry with good preaching and leadership. The weekend I visited, they set another record for attendance. God is doing great things in and through that ministry!

Patty and I reunited in St. Paul, Minnesota, after she spent a week with her daughter and family in Kansas. We spent the day and evening with a retired missionary couple—John and Sylvia Ballin—with whom Patty and her late husband Bill served with in Brazil in the 80's.

From St. Paul, we traveled up through Thunder Bay and on to Kapuskasing, Canada to meet up with Missionary Ernie Bauserman and his wife, Darlene. Ernie and Darlene moved to Kapuskasing about five years ago to help a small struggling Baptist church that had no pastor. The church family fell in love with the Bausermans—it is a match made in Heaven!

Though small in number, Kapuskasing Baptist Church is doing very well. Kapuskasing is a small town with a population made up of both English and French speaking people, and is 80% Catholic. The Bausermans speak both French and English, so they fit in very well.

Shortly after we arrived, the Bausermans traveled home to Virginia to report to their supporting churches and participate in missions conferences. They have finished and are currently heading toward home, which will allow Patty and me to make our way back to Virginia to visit for a few months before we leave for Micronesia next spring.

I would like to thank those who have been praying for our family since my brother Kenneth's home going. Kenneth's wife and family are doing well, and adjusting to his absence. Your encouragement and prayers have been an enormous blessing to all of us.

With all the hurricanes, earthquakes and mass shootings, it appears that Heaven will be realized in the near future. There are rumors of wars (N. Korea and the Middle East) on a regular basis. I don't think we have ever seen the destruction of the family and society like we are witnessing today in America. I pray daily, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus," and then I think of so many yet without Christ. We all know friends, family, and communities without Him. Let us labor with diligence and zeal in sharing the gospel.

We love you, and again, we thank you for your part in making it possible for us to do the work God has called us to do on the mission fields.

With Love and Gratitude,

Jim and Patty Bailey



Left: Mr. and Mrs. Bromilow



Patty and I along with a few of the wonderful folks at Kapuskasing Baptist Church