## SCOTT & MARILEE December, 2020

"Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in thy tabernacle forever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah" Psalm 61:1-4

The sweet Psalmist of Israel has well penned our determination for 2021. Our prayer indeed is that God will continue to lead us, shelter us, and attend unto our prayers. The enemy is great, but God is greater, and we are committed to His will and to His cause. In spite of all that happened in 2020, God is still our strong tower!

By the time you receive this letter, Christmas and New Year's Day will have passed. Our hope is that you have had a wonderful time with family and friends, and that you too will claim Psalm 61 as we begin a new year.

December was a good month for us. We began the month in Georgia where we visited Faith Baptist Church in Blackshear on December 6. Faith is one of our supporting churches, and we went there to be an encouragement to Mark Summers and his congregation. We presented our work to Bible Baptist Church that Sunday night and had a wonderful reception from Chris Holden and his church in Statesboro.

On Sunday morning, December 13, we visited Lighthouse Baptist Church in Abbeville, SC and hope to return to this vibrant church sometime in the New Year. We had the opportunity to present our work to Eastside Baptist Church that night. What a blessing to be in a church where we ministered several years ago. It was good to be with Pastor Donald Ramsey and to see old friends. We had the added blessing of spending some time with our son Brad and his family, who lives in that area of South Carolina.

After several months of being on the road, it was a blessing to be in our home church on Sunday, December 20. Scott had the privilege of teaching Sunday school, and it was just good to be home.

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During the middle part of the month we were able to see all of our children and grandchildren who live in North Carolina at one time or another: Scott and Joella, Dan and Priscilla's family, and Marcus and Peggy's family. We were able to video chat or speak by phone to the others. We thank God for our children and their families.

We ended the month in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, where on Sunday morning, December 27, we visited Fort Lauderdale Baptist Church and had the privilege of presenting our work to Pastor Ryan Price and his congregation. On Sunday night, Scott preached and presented our work to the folks at Bible Baptist Church in Pembroke Pines, FL. Marilee's sister Shari and her husband flew down to Ft. Lauderdale, and together we spent the last week in December enjoying a little R & R before the New Year began. We had a wonderful time with Dave and Shari, and it was a blessing to take a break from the rigors of deputation.

Pray for us as the New Year begins. God has given us a nearly full schedule through April, and for this we praise Him! Please pray that we will be able to set up a meeting for February 21. We also need to fill up some Wednesdays, as we continue to raise our necessary support. Please pray for us as we make preparations to relieve Gabriel Eiben and his family at the end of April. We are concerned about travel restrictions and the potential hurdles due to COVID-19. I am sorry to have to mention the virus as we refuse to let this pandemic slow us down or keep us from doing God's will, but it may have an effect on when and how we travel. This is all in God's hands, and we just ask you to pray that His perfect will be done!

May God bless each and every one of you as the New Year begins. 2020 was quite a year, but our confidence is still in Jesus Christ, our sovereign Lord and Savior. Again we thank all of you who are supporting us financially; we thank those of you who sent special gifts to us during the Christmas holidays; and we thank all of you for your prayers. God bless you, keep you safe, and keep you healthy. PSALM 67



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