

INDIA

Mission Team

September 2009

Dear Pastor and Friends,

Our first prayer letter! As you can imagine, it has been a time of mixed feelings as we made the transition from being in the pastorate for thirty years to being a missionary family.

An Ending

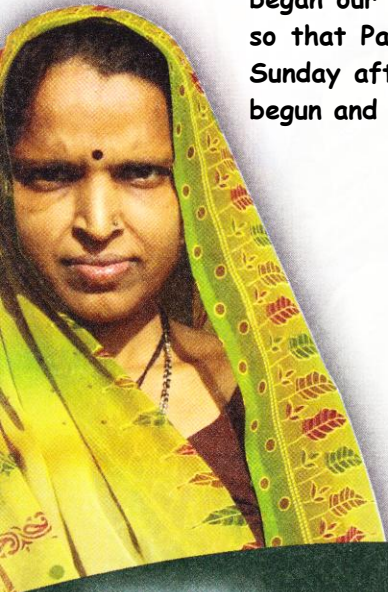
September 6th brought us to the last Sunday of eleven years of pastoring the dear folk of Frankfort Baptist Temple. It was hard to say good-bye to those whom we have loved and labored with for a decade, but we are grateful for their love and their support of our new mission. The church family gave us a memorable farewell supper. Included was a plaque about which we were instructed, "You must take this to India." It read,

This Gift of Recognition is given with love to
Pastor Scott Christiansen
From the Congregation of Frankfort Baptist Temple
With hearts that are eternally grateful
For eleven years of Love, Loyalty, Devotion, and Faithful Service.
October 1998 – September 2009
"Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God." II Kings 4:9

We are thankful for our church providing many of the expensive supplies we needed as we began our deputation ministry. We are also rejoicing that God worked out all the details so that Pastor Terry Flynn and his family could begin their first Sunday at FBT on the Sunday after we left. We are thrilled to hear that the Lord is continuing the good work begun and that souls are continuing to be saved and growing in Christ.

A Beginning

Our first Sunday as missionaries found us at First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana, to join the church on whose staff we will serve. Dr. Schaap preached with his usual power and was very kind to us as he welcomed us into the church's family. The Lord has gotten us off to a good start as we shared our future ministry in India with Primera Iglesia Bautista (Pastor Gonzalez) in Frankfort, Indiana; Lighthouse Baptist Church (Pastor Walters) in Cedar Lake, Indiana; and in a



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conference at Battle Creek Baptist Temple (Pastor Dye) in Battle Creek, Michigan. We have appreciated the kindness with which we have been treated and the times to serve through soul winning and preaching.

As we went soul winning with Lighthouse Baptist Church, I had the joy of meeting three young ladies on the streets of Morocco, Indiana, and watching the Holy Spirit convince them of the truth of the Gospel as all three together trusted in Christ to save them. It was a joy being at the church I once pastored to see how God has blessed them both numerically and spiritually.

As you pray for us, please ask the Lord to help us in the following areas:

- 1) Our soul-winning efforts
- 2) Lining up meetings where we can be the greatest blessing
- 3) Health and safety as we are on the road
- 4) Learning the Telugu language
- 5) Praying for the other members of our India Team as they ready themselves to leave for India in early January

Yours for the souls of India,

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