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Dear Praying Friends,

Merry Christmas! This time of year is a great reminder of why we are involved in ministry. Yet it is also an opportunity to slow down for a few days and enjoy time with family.

For a fifth year in a row I was privileged to represent BIO at Ambassador Baptist College during their missions conference. I enjoy being with the young people as they remind me that God is still calling people into the ministry to do His will. It is a refreshing and encouraging week for me each year.

We had a wonderful time of fellowship with other missionaries and pastors at our annual November Meeting at BIO. This year the meeting was held at Faith Baptist Church right next to the BIO office. The church took care of the audio recording. This freed me up to focus on interpreting for a few deaf friends and missionaries who were with us. If you would like to listen to the messages from the conference you can find them at www.biomissions.org/nov2016.

One of the churches with an active deaf ministry near us is Belle Meadows Baptist Church. They invited our family to be with them for their annual Christmas party on a Saturday night and for me to preach on Sunday morning for them. We had a wonderful time with our deaf brothers and sisters in the eastern tip of Tennessee.

Many of you will remember the extreme flooding that Louisiana experienced in August of this year. BIO and Faith Baptist Church in Jefferson City, Tennessee organized a mission trip to help rebuild a couple of the churches destroyed by the rains. The damage is so extensive that the churches are essentially keeping the external walls and having to rebuild/replace everything inside. At least one of the buildings is scheduled for bulldozing. The church members are not able to dedicate a large amount of time to rebuilding their church because many of them have had to bulldoze their own homes and are in the process of putting their lives back together.

However, as horrible of an experience as they have had, there was a wonderful spirit of love and unity within the churches. While I don't remember anyone expressly saying they were thankful for the flood, the vast majority of the church members were beaming with joy because they are actively experiencing the presence of God in a way they have never seen before. They were so thankful for the work we accomplished. I was so thankful just to be in their presence.

Thank you for your continued prayers for our ministry. Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Louisiana and consider reaching out to those in your community who need to see God's love.



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