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Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

It now has been just one year since I retired from my service as the Senior Pastor of Troy Christian Chapel. Perhaps it is time to summarize where we've been in that year and where we intend to go. As most of you are aware, we are continuing our missions work with Youth with a Mission and the University of the Nations. Here's a brief summary of where we have been:

LECTURES IN EUROPE In May and June of 2015, Peggy and I traveled to England, where we taught in the School of Biblical Studies in the midlands. In addition to my class times (with about 30 students), my lectures in Ezekiel were filmed for the on-line university and are currently being processed by film editors for on-line production.

LECTURES IN HAWAII In two trips, both late summer and early winter, I lectured at the main campus of U. of N. in Kona, Hawaii, first in the School of Biblical Studies for a Caucasian group of missionaries (lectures in the writings of John, Peter, Jude, Revelation and Canon) and later for a group of Korean missionaries in the Reform Asia School covering 1 & 2 Kings and 1 & 2 Chronicles (all of which was translated into Korean). While in Hawaii, I also taught Sunday School for three Sundays at the Kona Baptist Church.

LECTURES IN MEXICO I also made two trips to Mexico to Antonio Del Mar in the Baja to teach in the Mexican School of Biblical Studies (Peggy going with me on one trip), covering 1 and 2 Samuel and the Gospel and Letters of John.

LECTURES IN CANADA In the later winter, Peggy and I went to Toronto, where I taught for two weeks in a Korean School of Biblical Studies, again with full translation (books of Luke and Acts).

BACK TO HAWAII In the spring of this year, I was back in Hawaii, this time to teach in a Discipleship Bible School at the Kona campus (Genesis, Exodus and World View) and the campus in Honolulu (Book of Acts).

LECTURES IN BOSTON At the time I'm writing this (May 2016), Peggy and I are in Boston, Massachusetts, just a few blocks from Harvard University, teaching a series on Joshua, Judges, Ruth and Psalms. We were able to visit the Harvard Semitic Museum while here to see their artifacts from the ancient Near East.

So, our life has been quite full since retirement. We managed to squeeze in a college reunion in Nashville and visits to London and Paris in between our other travels.

In addition to my various lectures for missionaries and pastors, I also am now teaching New Testament Greek to about a dozen students on-line, several of which are Bible translators with Wycliffe and Uniscript. The University of the Nations for whom I teach is currently in a joint effort with Wycliffe Bible Translators to make available Bibles in a number of language groups that have no Scriptures (and some which have no written language). Hence, I have Greek students from Brazil, China, Korea, England and Australia, all of whom are working to master Greek in order to be able to better translate the Word of God into the vernaculars of people as diverse as Brazilian Amazon tribes, people groups in the South Sea Islands and the Navajos in Arizona and New Mexico.

Upcoming are more lecture trips!

LECTURES IN ENGLAND In mid-May, Peggy and I return to England, where I will be lecturing in the School of Biblical Studies in Nuneaton near Birmingham (Ezekiel and Daniel).

LECTURES IN SWITZERLAND After England, we will travel to Lauzanne, where I have a week's lectures to a French-speaking group (Book of Daniel).

BACK TO ENGLAND From Switzerland, we go back to England, this time for filming lectures for the on-line university (Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi).

LECTURES IN GERMANY From England, I'll go to southern Germany (Bavaria), where I have lectures in Intertestamental History and the Gospel of Matthew.

LECTURES IN SAMOA In August, I'll be flying to Samoa in the Pacific, where I have two weeks of teaching for a new biblical school for missionaries.

LECTURES IN CANADA In the fall, I have more lectures in Toronto (Korean speaking) and Quebec (French speaking).

BACK TO HAWAII AND MEXICO I'll finish off the year with another teaching trip to Mexico and Kona, Hawaii in November.

Several trips already are in the works for 2017, including one to Australia and New Zealand, but perhaps I'll talk about them at a later time.

In all our travels, the Lord has been faithful in helping us with the finances for these trips. Because they are largely in the interests of Christian missions, the financial arrangements vary considerably. Still, there are brothers and sisters, including some of you, who have contributed generously, and for this we are truly humbled and grateful. This letter is not a plea for funds, so I'll say no more about this aspect of our current ministry.

In the meantime, Peggy and I have found a new church home, the Mariner's Church (Anglican) of Detroit, which is just by the Renaissance Center downtown. This is a theologically conservative congregation of believers who still practice the older traditional English form of

worship, which we appreciate very much. A number of people have asked whether or not Peggy and I will return to Troy Christian Chapel, now that the year of absence we promised has been fulfilled. It is our thinking that it would be best for us to continue worshipping at the Mariner's Church. Hopefully from time to time we will be able to visit our beloved brothers and sisters at Troy Christian Chapel, so it is quite likely that we may see you all on occasion. I felt especially privileged to be able to baptize Rachel and Nathaniel on Easter, two of our grandchildren! We wish the very best for Pastors Jon, Jake, Chad and Brian and all of you as our dear friends in Christ Jesus. Remember us in your prayers as we also remember you!

In the love and grace of Jesus Christ,

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