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Dear Family Members of Gospel Light Baptist Mission,

We are about to complete our tenth year of ministry at Gospel Light Baptist Mission, and I need to inform you of several important things. To begin with, I want to invite everyone who has been a part of, or touched by our ministry to attend our special celebration of these ten years on October 9, 2011.

The Lord has done many great things for us over this past decade and for several years our services flourished. We've had many wonderful events such as Bible Schools, Christmas programs, Carolling trips, Weanie Roasts / Fall Festivals, trips to camp and much more. We've seen many lives affected and we baptized several during this time. We have much to thank God for!

Most of you know that our attendance has dropped over the past year or so. Our financial support has also dropped below what is necessary to sustain this work. I did not know what God would do when we started this ministry out of necessity ten years ago. I thought it may be temporary at first, but the Lord blessed it and had us continue. I then thought He may have it to grow into a church, but that has not happened either. Now that the children we started with are basically grown, it seems this ministry has served its purpose.

All this time, I have been in evangelism, preaching around the southeastern region and helping other ministries as much as possible, but always having to be in town for Sunday services has limited that ability. I have been full-time in the ministry since January 2006 and have no other income. It is now time for me to move forward with my evangelism and expand my ability to travel further and stay on the road for longer periods of time.

We only have a couple of faithful attendees who we will try to direct toward Godly Churches in their area. Our special ten year celebration on October 9th will be our Farewell Service for Gospel Light Baptist Mission. It is for this purpose that we are doing this on the second Sunday of October, rather than our traditional 3rd Sunday anniversary. Rather than an anniversary beginning a new year, this will be the final Sunday of our tenth year, completing one full decade of ministry. That will be the last Sunday service at Gospel Light Baptist Mission. I hope you will join us for this very special celebration!

A Servant of Christ,

Bro. Van