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Dear Pastor,

In my summer 2011 newsletter, I explained a transition our ministry was entering. The Lord has made His direction clear that it is time to phase out our mission church services and move forward with our missionary evangelism. Much of what I will say here will be printed in my fall 2011 newsletter.

On the Sunday which completes the tenth year of Gospel Light Baptist Mission we are planning a farewell service for our final Sunday service. I will be available for meetings or deputation on a few Sundays before then and any Sunday after that, until scheduled elsewhere.

It seems the Lord may be opening the door for one aspect of our mission evangelism which will require funds to be raised for several different additional expenses. During the early nineties the Lord allowed me to help with several different tent meeting ministries on several occasions. During that time I prayed about obtaining a tent to use in my own evangelism, but the Lord never brought that to pass. Over the past several years, another missionary evangelist and close friend has also worked with other tent ministries working with church planters. He has asked me to pray about entering a tent ministry together and working together with mostly church planters during several months of the year. After much prayer, we both have peace about moving in this direction. Since he, Evangelist Paul Redmond, has a wife and four children living in a travel trailer, it would be my responsibility to transport the tent. I will need an RV which can pull a tent trailer. I have plans in mind which can be done for a fraction of just purchasing everything needed, but funds will still be needed for the purchase of this vehicle, the tent, and a tent trailer.

I am looking for a specific type of small shuttle bus which I can convert to an RV using hardware and appliances from my old broken down travel trailer which I previously used in my evangelism. Once done, this vehicle would be an asset to my travels regardless, but would be a necessity for the tent ministry.

I am looking forward to getting back on the road full time and helping other ministries. I already have many areas of service which I will continue as well, but I will have to obtain support to keep going forward. There is much work ahead, and I am eager to get busy with it. Though I've only been a part of three churches (including college) during my twenty-eight years of ministry, I've worked with and under eight pastors plus many assistants and associates. I have been

involved in almost every ministry typical to the local church and I am willing to help pastors of smaller churches, new churches and mission churches with these ministries while also being a help and encouragement through preaching. Most recently, we just finished a seven day revival to help a church planter in Smith's Station, Alabama get their church started. We had materials printed for them, put together a team from area churches to canvas the area, helped with some of the latter work in their construction process, then preached the revival while doing additional door to door visiting with the people there. We will work together more in the future, plus there are others across the country who need help.

Please let us know if we can assist you in any way, or if you can be of help to this ministry moving forward. I will be doing deputation for support, so if I do not hear from you first, I may be contacting you about presenting this ministry at your church.

A Servant of Christ,

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