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Dear Faithful Supporters and Prayer Partners,

As we share our report from the past few months, we trust each of you know how much we appreciate how the Lord uses you to pray for us and share with us that we are able to do what God has called us to do. Most of you have heard about the change of our church membership from AL to Calvary Baptist Church of Alachua, FL. Our new pastor, Marty Basinger, has been a long-time friend since I (Randy) met him while we served together on the island of Okinawa, Japan while we were in the the U.S. Air Force almost forty years ago. We so appreciate the church family of Calvary Baptist welcoming us to their church fellowship. One of the reasons for our move is to be closer to my (Randy's) parents who are declining in health.

Our travels these past few months have been to five different countries. The Word of God states in Num. 10:29, "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good: For the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel" as Moses was leading Israel to the Promised Land, he invited his father-in-law to join their holy band! We invite you to "travel" with us to the lands to which our God has directed us! AND YOU DO "come with us" through your financial and prayer support of which we are SO appreciative.

Our recent travels have taken us to:

ISRAEL

We hosted another tour of Israel from December 28-January 9. What a thrill to celebrate the new year in Eritz Israel. We were blessed to travel this time under the auspices of Baptist For Israel. Bro. Brad Brough was our guide and bus driver. He is an American leading the Baptist for Israel Institute located on Kibbutz Ha'on in the Galilee. He has been teaching and guiding in Israel for 20 years and certainly has

knowledge of the Land and biblical sights. We SO enjoyed this trip. We are scheduled again with Brad for the dates of October 30 - November 11, 2017. If you desire to join us, please contact us (chovanfam@gmail.com, or call [509-492-1885](tel:509-492-1885)).

ENGLAND

We boarded an Air Canada flight for London on January 28 (after wonderful meetings in OH and FL) for our first visit and preaching experience in England. We preached at the West Basingstoke Baptist Church in Basingstoke, located about an hour from London. Pastor David Ellsmore and his wife, Devene, were amazing hosts in their home. Not only were we delighted to preach in the church but they took us to many of the sights we had only heard about over the years (Hampton Castle, Tower of London, Tower Bridge, Oxford, Buckingham Palace, Big Ben (connected to the Parliament building), 10 Downing Street, etc. We had a blessed ministry with the Ellsmores and their church family.

FRANCE

We arrived in Toulouse, France, on February 5, and were picked up by our good friend, Pastor David Price, who drove us to his city of St. Gaudens. This was our second time to labor with the Bible Baptist Church. We preached revival meetings and the Saints there were so faithful to attend and listen to the Word. After the meetings we had a couple of days of sight-seeing. The highlight was the day we crossed the Pyrenees Mountains into Spain. We toured, shopped and enjoyed a fabulous Espana lunch.

HUNGARY

We flew from Toulouse to Budapest on February 12. We spent the night with missionaries Jim and Valerie Knies who are working in Budapest. They put us on a train the next morning and we traveled for three hours to the city of Pecs (pronounced "Pache"). Missionaries David and Jean Potter hosted us for this Revival in the Bible Baptist Church. This was my second time to preach here but Grace's first time to visit. The Potters have labored here for the past

16 years. The church is alive and flourishing. We had great attendance as the Sunday night service exceeded the morning and numbers just kept growing all week. The Saints did an excellent job inviting lost souls to these meetings. On Thursday of our week there, we traveled back to Budapest and toured this amazing, historic city! We flew out Friday for Hamburg, Germany

GERMANY

We arrived in Hamburg to conduct our fourth series of meetings (1993, 2005, 2012, 2016). We labored with veteran missionaries Ray and Marleen Virtue. They have spent the last 35 years planting and building up the Bible Baptist Church (what a reoccurring name!) of Hamburg. This is the largest all-German Independent Baptist work in Germany! The church runs consistently from 130-150 people each Sunday. They Virtues are planting a daughter church in the city of Luchow, two hours drive from Hamburg. We had the blessing of preaching in both churches. Please pray for Bro. Virtue as he has been diagnosed with Prostate cancer and will begin radiation treatments soon. He is 73 years old and one of his primary concerns is the on-going ministry there.

We have been invited to return to each of the countries where we ministered. Lord willing, we will be planning that for 2018. However, our return to Germany will be dependent on the outcome of Bro. Virtue's cancer treatment.

WERE THERE ANY DECISIONS/FRUIT??

To answer this question, you must understand the culture of Europe. Europeans rarely respond to an "invitation" as we know it in our culture. Souls are won to Christ after months of building relationships and patient counseling/Bible studies. We know several lost listeners who lifted hands at the conclusion of the services admitting their need of Christ. These will now be followed up and we trust to hear of their conversions in the future. The Saints in these countries are loving and dedicated (perhaps because they were converted to Christ after much thought and counseling). Please pray for the the many believers responding for revival and the lost who heard the Gospel.

We are now engaged in meetings here in the USA. We will spend the spring months in TX, SD, MN, PA, CT, MA, NY and MI. My next foreign trip is the end of May to Trinidad and Tobago in the West Indies. Jonathan will graduate on June 5th from Temple Christian Academy which is connected with Fremont Baptist Temple in Fremont, OH. I have been invited to be the commencement speaker. This will be a special highlight as we see Jonathan moving on with God's plan for his life.

Immediately following graduation, I will fly to Peru to begin four weeks of Bible college teaching and evangelistic meetings. I will return to the States in time for Jonathan's 18th birthday.

On July 12, Jonathan will leave for Army basic training. He is a Reservist who will simultaneously be an ROTC cadet at Maranatha Baptist University. His career goal is to become an Army officer. He is praying about the Lord's direction as he moves in the direction that he believes the Lord is leading him.

Please be in prayer for us as we seek to be more available to help care for Randy's parents and yet still fulfill the ministry to which God has called us. We have had a busy winter already. Grace also needs prayer concerning choosing when to travel with Randy and when to be with Jonathan during his final year of high school. We appreciate so much the love and support of Grace's sister's family, Gary, Joy and Faith Ferkel, in caring for Jonathan and housing us this year.

We lovingly send this report knowing you are interested and will pray. God bless you all,

Evangelist Randy Chovan Family
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"We preach not ourselves, but Christ..."