

One Another[®]

MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

The end of the year is often a time for looking back and looking forward. We are reminded that forty years ago we were just beginning our missionary journey. In December of 1982 while living in Lynchburg, Virginia and working at Thomas Road Baptist Church, we were approved as missionaries sent out through Liberty Baptist Mission. We then spent much of 1983 sharing the burden and vision God had given us as He brought together a team of ministry partners who would support us in this work.

At the time we could not have known the doors God would open to us, the path He would lead us on, or the blessings with which He would shower us. These last 40 years have been more rewarding and fulfilling than we ever could have imagined.

As you know, for the last couple years we have been based back in the United States. During this time we have continued to serve full-time with the One Another Ministries team, though we made the decision not to accept our normal salary or retirement payments.

In the coming year we will be taking the next step to transition to retired status.

What does this mean practically?

Does it mean we will leave One Another Ministries or stop doing the ministry?

Absolutely not. Our goal and intention is to continue serving God with One Another Ministries for as long as He gives us the strength and opportunities. But we will now be serving alongside the team and volunteering our time to the ministry.

Does it mean we no longer need to receive support?

Yes. Because of the incredible faithfulness and generosity of the ministry partners God has given us, we now have enough of a balance in our ministry support account to cover our anticipated ministry and retirement expenses for some time. This means that the support we have been receiving can now be redirected to others who are trying to reach the mission field.

In fact, others who have joined the One Another ministry team, coming along behind us to continue the ministry in the next generation, are in need of additional support. If you let us know that you would like to continue supporting this vital ministry in this way, we will be thrilled to redirect your

support and put you in contact with team members who need ongoing support.

Does it mean we are not available to report to your church or group?

Definitely not. We are so excited about what God is doing, and are eager to visit with you and share some of the blessings, challenges, and opportunities of serving Him around the world. Please get in touch with us if you would like to schedule a visit.

Does it mean God has blessed in ways we never could have imagined, and that He has given us the best and most faithful team of partners and supporters ever?

A resounding yes! Many have journeyed with us during all or most of these last 40 years. We have been overwhelmed by your love, generosity, faithfulness, and prayers. God has used you to encourage us and spur us on to be worthy of His sacrifice – and of yours.

We look forward to remaining in contact and to seeing what God has in store for all of us during the next phase of our journey.

May God richly bless you as we look back on all He has given us through His Son, and look forward to His glory being declared to all nations.

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