

June 16, 2021

Dear Faithful Supporters,

I am excited to announce that I am officially taking the pastorate of our second church plant, Elk Point Baptist Church. We have reached this point in our ministry, due in large part, to your faithful prayers and support over the years. Many of you have supported and prayed for us since deputation, which we completed in 2002, others since we were teenagers. Although we will no longer be needing your financial support, I sincerely hope that you will continue to pray for us as we will continue to evangelize this region and beyond.

Since I will now be supported financially by Elk Point Baptist Church, I will no longer be with Macedonia World Baptist Missions. Which is what made this decision very hard. I shudder to think where I would be if God's providence had not led me to work through the MWBM family. It would be impossible for me to express with words how the Lord has used the people of MWBM through the years. Dr. Caudill and the board allied together with my local church to offer an amazing, well organized system of expertise, sacrificial support from Dr. Hamby and the home office, as well as networking with successful missionaries across the globe.

I am very thankful for Bright Light Baptist Church and Dr. Ronnie Simpson, an incredible sending church and pastor! They have been a great foundation and example for my family and me. It is such a great privilege to be an extension of a church and man of God that are serving their generation decade after decade.

## WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED TOGETHER

With your help we planted River City Baptist Church, the first Independent Baptist Church in South Dakota's state capitol (2002), a church that is still going strong under the leadership of Bro. Brett Groves. Also, Elk Point Baptist Church in 2011. So far 4 preachers have surrendered to preach between the 2 works. Jeff is faithfully serving in a church in Montana. Michael is leading the start of another church plant in Akron Iowa (about 20 miles from Elk Point). Atreju comes from Moville Iowa (about 40 miles away) we have talked about the possibility of starting a church there in the future. His father-in-law, who also comes to Elk Point Baptist, is starting a Bible study with the high school track kids that he coaches and his mother-in-law already does Bible clubs with the elementary kids! Christian is graduating High School this year and has a real heart for God and people. Now the Lord has led Ryan, a recent Bible college grad to help in the work! My prayer is that through the church in Elk Point that we will be able to plant at least a dozen churches before Jesus comes!

The many souls that have heard the Gospel for the first time and have been and are being saved, are souls to your account. From the first to the most recent, Kaelyn (15), got saved a year ago, her mom and dad, Randy and Rachel came to church and trusted Christ a few months ago, her friend Blake started coming and got saved on March 8<sup>th</sup>, now his family is starting to come!

You share in the blessing of homes and lives that have been and will be restored, "For we are labourers together with God:" I Cor. 3:9!

Melanie and I thank you from the depths of our hearts for being our partners and our friends! Your love, prayers and support have meant everything to us!

D. Jesse Hailey & family