



James and Cathy Hansard

Missionary Director



September-October 2023

Dear Fellow Laborers,

Missionary Travels: Our trip to visit Brother David Gates and family in Dearborn, MI was a blessing as we witnessed their faithfulness in the largest Muslim population in America. We were privileged to participate in door-to-door visitation for the *Christ is Messiah Conference* and experience the support of local independent pastors working together to get the gospel to the Muslims. Brother Gates' command of the Arabic language is very effective, and he has seen Muslim individuals saved and others seeking the truth. We were blessed to share the time with Pastor Chris Staub and the sweet people of Silvery Lane Baptist, where the Gates hold their services. The children enjoyed an outing with this *old guy* riding go karts and playing putt-putt.



Missionary Conference: Many of our churches have been faithful to send monthly support to us for over 25 years, for which we are very grateful. In October, we were included in the mission conference of Calvary Baptist of Smyrna, GA. The time spent with Pastor Johnston and his sweet people was a breath of fresh air for us. The Annual Conference of Macedonia was hosted this year by Pastor Gazaway and the Catoosa Baptist Tabernacle. What an amazing time to visit with many of our missionary friends we rarely get to see. The preaching and the music were encouraging and uplifting, and the food was amazing.

Missionary Church Planting: We are giving thanks in advance for the church Development Order expected to be issued by Okaloosa County very soon. Our call to move here over 3 years ago to help establish the Vision Baptist Church of Crestview was a giant step of faith. With Pastor Muse's leadership we have witnessed God's blessings in many ways on the church. Blessings include new families, new locations, financial growth, vast outreach, the support of 8 missionary families and other projects, the Dual State Preacher's Fellowship and most importantly the spiritual growth of the church family.



Missionary on the Move: Until we die life is a school. The things we have learned assisting Vision Baptist Church will be valuable as we help other church planters in the future. We are attentive to God's call, and our eyes are open to His leading as we make a prayerful transition. Please pray with us as we continue to assist our team of 9 USA East missionaries with deputation or boots on the ground in their field of service. Pray for us as we visit the Chacon family in Ohio the month of November. We will report on that trip in our next prayer letter.

Thank you to all our supporters both financially and with prayer support which are vital to a missionary as he fulfills God's call on his life. Cathy and I are grateful for our health and look forward to serving the Lord full-time as He gives us the ability to do so. May God bless you and your ministry to get the Gospel to the lost and dying without Christ.

Looking Unto Jesus,
James and Cathy Hansard

Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: Phil. 1:6

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