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*"I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works." (Psalm 9:1)*

At the end of August of this year, we followed the Lord's leading to begin raising **\$899,000** for a special property that we felt would be perfect for the needs of Selah International. We immediately began to receive encouraging notes and donations from churches and individuals around the U.S. In October, we shared with you that, **\$246,000** had been given or promised. Now, we are thrilled and in utter amazement to announce to you that we have received or have been promised **over \$800,000!** What a wonderful experience to see firsthand this **"marvellous"** work of our God. Thank you to all who have chosen to be a part of this miracle by praying and giving. Though we still may need to borrow funds to cover closing costs and set up expenses, a private lender has stepped forward and offered to loan us what we need at a greatly reduced interest rate. Yet another **"marvellous"** work of God! We praise you, Lord, with all our heart!

We also are so very grateful for your prayers for our travels, conferences and preaching opportunities over the last 7 weeks. We enjoyed a blessed weekend of ministry with **Dale Cunningham at Boones Creek Bible Church** as well as with **Josh Grubbs at Faith Baptist Tabernacle**. The Lord also blessed the **Family Conference at Liberty Baptist Church with Caleb Presnell in Toledo, Ohio**. In addition, it was a special blessing for me to be able to travel to the **Dominican Republic and visit the Grace and Truth Baptist Church** that we planted in Santo Domingo years ago. Missionaries **Erik and Holly Johnson** hosted a **missionary enrichment day** as well as a **national pastors fellowship**. It was an honor for me to be able to encourage American missionaries as well as Dominican pastors. The trip concluded with a **Bible conference at Truth Baptist Church in San Francisco de Macoris**, where the Johnson Family serves the Lord.

I'm sure we would all agree that some of the Lord's most **"marvellous"** works involve the transformation of the hearts of men. We praise His great Name for:

- **The restored relationship between an assistant pastor and senior pastor**
- **The healing of a missionary couple dealing with moral failure**
- **The spiritual growth of a pastor's son dealing with personal doubt and temptation**
- **Being able to assist two couples as they are preparing for marriage and ministry**
- **The privilege of providing practical guidance for several pastors and missionaries in challenging counseling situations**

On the home front, we are thrilled to announce the birth of **Layton Scott Lockaby**, our 6<sup>th</sup> grandchild. He is Abby and Gavin's third child. Layton has such a sweet, calm personality and is being cared for very well by his big brother and sister. Indeed, this precious new life is one of the most **"marvellous"** works of our God!



My dear brothers and sisters, the blessings and answers to prayer mentioned above make it so easy for us to be thankful during this special season of the year. However, we personally know of many that are experiencing great difficulty, disappointment, and grief. Some families will have an empty chair at the Thanksgiving table. Others are gravely ill, and some are suffering in other ways. In our current world that is marred by sin, God calls us to thank Him in every season of life. *"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you"* (1 Thess. 5:16-18). Paul penned these words while in prison to remind us that it is God's will that we rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in every circumstance. Rejoicing in Christ, continual communion with Christ through prayer, and giving thanks always in every circumstance **in Christ** will lead to unshakeable hope **in Christ**. Only the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ can cause a hurting heart to give thanks. By God's grace, let's give thanks today...for Jesus' sake.

Only by His Grace,  
Chris and Dawn