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Dear Friends,

The dogs have new homes, South African possessions have been sorted as to what is sold, given away or set aside for the container, the house we lived in for 29 years has a new owner, Virginia departs in 18 days – on the 1st of October, and I have a one-way ticket for the 13th of November from Durban, South Africa to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. I have one more 5-week course to teach at our School of Bible Knowledge and Application; Will lead one more Bible study for our weekly growth group; A couple more sermons at the local retirement village; seven more lessons to give at a Zulu tent church to complete a year-long chronological presentation of the story of the Bible, and my residential ministry in South Africa will conclude.

In 2017, we made a family decision, in harmony with the elders at Grace Baptist Amanzimtoti, that we would transition from our beloved South Africa back to the USA at the end of 2019. This year has been particularly focused on making that transition. Now that I have reached the age of 66, and with Grace in a strong position with multiple area-wide ministries and with very capable leadership, it is an appropriate time to make that inevitable move of a life-time foreign missionary.

But, I am not retiring! In fact, I will still be full time with ABWE and even still assigned to the Durban field. I will maintain my roles as ABWE field treasurer and bookkeeper for 7 Rivers Outreach; work with the ABWE project office on building programs in southern Africa; help raise funds for ministries, church plants, and buildings; mentor young Zulu pastors via social media; encourage potential new missionaries to enter the harvest; and prepare for modular teaching (a couple of trips a year) in the new seminary that Grace Baptist is starting. And when I have nothing to do, I'll be investing in the lives of our grandchildren!

We are moving to Palm Beach Gardens, Florida (West Palm Beach, Jupiter area). Three of our four children (Carolyn, William, Amanda) live there with 5 of our grandchildren (and 2 more due in November!) Our other son, Tom, lives 4 hours away in Tampa, with our other 2 grandchildren. We feel strongly that Virginia, especially, and I as well, ought to give grandparent input to their young lives. We are in the ideal position to continue our multiple foreign ministries, which have been opened for us through 32 years of cross-cultural investment, from a location that allows us to be with family in these critical formative years of our grandchildren's early youth. How blessed we are!

On Saturday, the 21st of September, Grace Baptist Amanzimtoti, which we helped start in 1987, is hosting an area-wide farewell celebration for the Morrisises. The theme is "How Great Thou Art" and will focus on the wonder of God's grace in missions and church planting. Ron Washer, ABWE Administrator for Africa will be there. To represent our American supporters, Missions Pastor Gary Sedequist of Monte Vista Chapel, Turlock, California will attend.

This year has moved by extremely quickly and very full of ministry. It is has been one of my most enjoyable years as I've been able to teach and mentor Zulu pastors, see 7 Rivers transition to a new director, and help get a new Zulu church plant started. So much has happened for the glory of God!

Virginia and I plan to travel to our supporting churches between January and April to report on all that the LORD has done. We hope to see each of you along the way. We thank you for your prayers and support through ABWE! We are excited about this next stage in our journey of service for the LORD Jesus Christ!



*We are so thankful for your investment in prayer as you undergird our ministries.
And we are thankful for the donations to ABWE that keep us serving here.*

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