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Dear Friends,

Today we are in Rhode Island. Some of you may have learned that I had another brief but painful hospital stay two weeks ago. My wife and I were in Sherbrook, Quebec, in the home of Bob Stevens, and I had an acute attack from an umbilical hernia. It blocked my bowels. When I could no longer tolerate the pain, Brother Stevens and his son, Marty, took me to the hospital in Newport, Vermont. This was about a forty-five minute ride by car. Brian Fecher and his wife came to the hospital and ministered to the needs of my wife while we were in Vermont. That hospital transferred me to Mary Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH, for a surgical solution. While waiting for the ambulance, the emergency room staff pumped my stomach and doped me up for the one hour ambulance ride to New Hampshire. I don't remember anything about the ride. I woke up in the same hospital that treated me in 1991 when I was hit by a Jeep. I was in the hospital less than twenty-four hours. One week has passed. I am on the mend, but I did miss preaching several times in Quebec because of this unexpected development. I am recovered and our schedule did continue as follows:

- November 22 Blackstone Valley Baptist Church, Cumberland, RI
- November 29 Knotty Oak Baptist Church, Coventry, RI
- December 2 Grace Bible Baptist Church, Vernon, CT
- December 5 Calvary Baptist Church, Middletown, RI
- December 9 Holbrook, MA Missions
- December 12 Blackstone Valley Baptist Church, Cumberland, RI
- December 14 Knotty Oak Baptist Church, Coventry, RI Christmas Banquet

We are excited to be able to visit many of our long term friends in New England. The Lord is blessing many of the churches with faithful men, but the laborers are certainly few when you consider the scope of the harvest. We will be returning to Texas on December 15th. As we continue in the service of the churches we will be scheduled as follows:

Jan 14-18 - Heartland BBC – Church Planters' Conference Jan 20 - First Missionary Baptist Church, Healdton, OK Jan 22 - Feb 5 - Trip to Puerto Rico Feb 15-21 - National GIBF Meeting, National City, CA Feb 25-March 1 - Trip to Costa Rica – Camp Meeting March 3 - Tulsa Baptist Temple, Tulsa, OK – Missions March 6-10 - SWBC, Oklahoma Cty, OK – Missions Conference March 12-18 - Southside Baptist Church, Rock Hill, SC – Missions Conference April 3-7 - BBC, Paul's Valley, OK – Missions Conference April 14-17 - Bible Baptist Temple, Tulsa, OK – Revival

Thank you for praying for us and helping us as we continue to spend ourselves for the Lord and His churches.

Best Wishes, Always Lewis Robert Lewis

1 Cor. 15:58



Dear Friends,

As of the writing of this letter, we are in Newport, Vermont. I will be speaking about 'Harvest Time' on Sunday, October 28, at Bible Baptist Church where Brian Fecher is the Pastor. It is sunny today, but the mother of all tropical storms, *(Frankenstorm)* is about to move up the coast and destroy all the Halloween festivities. Too bad. Thankfully, in New England, there will be mostly power outages and water damage. All the friends and loved ones we have are preparing. I will not send this letter in the mail, as I usually do, since we have been, and will continue to be, traveling for some time.

Since our last letter, we have been in 11 churches. Most of the meetings have been missions conferences.

In August: I flew to Costa Rica to help GIBM Missionary Bob Martin. I taught the last module in his institute on *The Church* and preached the graduation service. After preaching in Costa Rica, I worked with Pastor Dick Webster at GIBM Deputation School teaching several hours and preaching one night at the Missions Revival at Liberty Baptist Church.

In September: I preached for Marvin McKenzie, Bible Baptist Church, Puyallup, WA; Rick Wilder, Olympia Bible Baptist Church, Olympia, WA; Russ Tyree, Valley Bible Baptist Church, Auburn, WA; I also attended the GIBF Meeting hosted by Bible Baptist Church, Everett, WA, where six new missionary candidates were endorsed and introduced to the Fellowship. Returning to Texas, I preached at Grace Baptist Church, Flower Mound, TX, and First Missionary Baptist Church, Healdton, OK.

So far in October: I preached an 8 day missions revival for David Peterman, Christ Independent Baptist Church, Philadelphia, PA, (this church responded enthusiastically to the challenge of increasing their faith. Their faith promise commitment increased by 58% over their last year's giving). While in Philadelphia, I also preached for Joe White, Grace Baptist Church. One Wednesday, I preached for Randy Lewis, Blackstone Valley Baptist Church, Cumberland, RI, and one Sunday at Calvary Baptist Church, Middletown, RI. (This church is without a pastor at this time, and prayers should be offered for them as they go through the process of waiting on the Lord to provide the man for their pulpit).

Our plans for December: We still have several engagements on the calendar and many miles to travel to keep them. We are driving one of our son's vehicles while in New England. Our plans include preaching at the 38th Anniversary service for Pastor Martin Stevens, Sherbrooke, QC, and one Sunday with Mario Monette, in St. Hubert, QC. The churches and the faithful men who continue to pastor in New England need special prayer. As many as 60 million people live on the East Coast. I think it was Larry Clayton who said, "If they spoke a different language and there was a fence around them, we would consider it a mission field." There is a tremendous need for church planters and ministry teams here. There is no "Home" and "Foreign" designation in the Bible. Jesus plainly said, "The field is the world." It is hard for me to find words to express my appreciation for the support that many of you have provided to keep us going for the Lord. Although it sounds redundant and flat, we are truly thankful for your faithfulness to help us. God has opened many doors for us, and it is your support that makes it possible for us to go through those doors. We want to help churches and missionaries in every way we can for as long as we can.

Best Wishes Always!

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