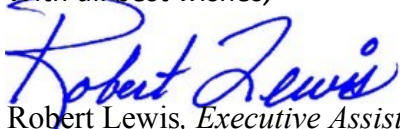


Dear Friends,

In late May I had cataracts removed from both of my eyes. It has been a blessing. My vision is much clearer, and I no longer need to wear glasses while driving. After a routine checkup, we headed to The EAST and The NORTH. We stopped in Rock Hill, South Carolina, and spent Father's Day with Pastor Kenneth Walters and his family at Southside Baptist Church. We proceeded to Fleischmans, New York, where I preached a Missions Revival at Cornerstone Baptist Church. Pastor Davis and his church family have taken on a tremendous financial challenge. They are on target with half of their \$50,000 building fund commitment. July 4th we celebrated the wedding of our grandson, Andrew, at Blackstone Valley Baptist Church, Cumberland, Rhode Island. It was a beautiful wedding. Andrew married a young lady in the church and moved her to Colorado where he is stationed in the USAF. I preached several times at BVBC in July and August. I am always amazed that they treat me like a returning war hero when I come to Rhode Island. In July I preached at South Liberty Baptist Church, South Liberty, Maine, where Chad Colburn is the Pastor. He was gracious to provide a cabin for us to stay in while preaching in Maine. On July 19th, I was privileged to preach the charge at the organizational meeting of Breakwater Baptist Church in Rockland, Maine. David Peterman is the church planter. The event took place in a tent where more than 170 people gathered for the occasion. After the meeting, several people submitted themselves to scriptural baptism in the ocean near the tent. On the 22nd, I preached at Bible Baptist Church in Unity, Maine, where Brian Pelkey is the enthusiastic pastor of this young church. We spent Friday, July 24th, with Chris Grimbilas in Jay, Maine. It seems that everywhere I visited on this trip the Lord opened doors for ministry. Several of the younger preachers asked me to participate in their ongoing preparation for ministry. What an honor! We drove across Maine to preach for Brian Fecher at Bible Baptist Church, Newport, Vermont. August 3rd I preached at the New England Baptist Fellowship meeting which was hosted by Adam Reviro of the Lighthouse Baptist Church, Easton, Massachusetts. This fellowship is excited about church planting in New England. There is still a real need for preachers and church planters in the Northeast. I personally know of several opportunities that are open for young men to be mentored into pastoral positions here. Thanks for your faithfulness to the Lord and to us!

With all best wishes,



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