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Dear Friends,

Those of us on the Fellowship Bible Church Missions Team want to express our sincere appreciation for your faithful service over the years. As your partners in this wonderful endeavor, we're trying to improve our communication with you. Not only do we want to hear from you but we want to keep you up to date on happenings at the church. You can also visit the church website at [www.fbctulsa.org](http://www.fbctulsa.org) to access current teachings, transitions, and events.

As you probably know, the missions structure of FBC has undergone a complete reorganization in the last three to four years. We now are organized as independent teams under the general oversight of an Executive Team. Although the Executive Team doesn't get involved in the day to day decisions of team activities, it is charged with the responsibility for the strategic guidance of FBC missions efforts. After much prayer and a lot of work, the Executive Team has laid out a direction for the church which is embodied in our new missions Purpose. It states that FBC missions efforts should " Mobilize Fellowship Bible Church to proclaim the gospel, make disciples and establish local churches here and around the world". As you can see, the purpose is pretty specific and is very consistent with Matthew 28: 19-20. In fact, the entire church is making a great effort to emphasize evangelism and disciple-making which will hopefully lead to church-planting.

In light of all this, any future missions efforts, including support decisions, will be directed by this Purpose. Many of our missionary partnerships are also headed in this direction to varying degrees. Some partnerships cover all facets of the Purpose while others emphasize only parts of it. In the future, FBC support of various ministries will be in proportion to how well those ministries accomplish all three parts of the Purpose. We recognize that each individual ministry (evangelism, disciple-making, and church-planting) is important in its own right. However, since FBC has as a goal of accomplishing all three parts of the Purpose, that's where our emphasis should be.

On another matter, we have never really questioned our supported missionaries about their financial plans for retirement. We suggest that you discuss this issue with your sending agency to ensure that your plan is up to date as far as your anticipated requirements are concerned. In light of current trends, we will be asking for more information about retirement planning resources in the next "year end report". As you may remember, this report has been requested in the fall. However, since our budget cycle has changed to Sept. 1, we will be sending the request out in the summer.

Again, we appreciate your service to the Lord and our partnership with you.

For the team,

Neil and Susan