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Dear Friends,

I pray the Lord is blessing your ministry and the people of the Church. I'm not enjoying my annual battle with pollen. I do enjoy the beauty of the budding flowers and trees, but pollen is another matter.

I was blessed to speak for the annual conference of the Fellowship Baptist Church in Madison, Virginia. The People and the Church staff have a heart for missions and responded well to the messages on missions and grace giving. I was especially blessed to fellowship with a retired pastor friend who is a member of the Church. Actually, "retired" is not a good word when speaking of preachers, especially so, when talking about Dr Wayne Thompson. Kenny Simmons is Pastor of the Harbor Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. He and his dear wife are special friends, and it is always a treat to speak to the Church and fellowship with these good folks. As usual, they responded well to the messages on missions. The Emmanuel Baptist Church in Elizabeth City, North Carolina is where I became an Independent Baptist. I believe it was in 1959 that Pastor Roy Harrell led a group of believers, including Dot and me, in the planting of the Church. It was under the ministry of that pastor that God called me to preach. I have preached in the Church many times. It was a blessing to fellowship with current pastor, Kevin Senn, and his dear wife during their annual conference. I flew to Memphis, Tennessee, and a conference with Crossroad Baptist Church. Clenton Patterson is the good pastor of the Church. He founded the Church in Memphis over 20 years ago and God has used him wonderfully.

Please pray the Lord will bless us with strength, good health, and safety. Pray also that the Lord will give us many opportunities to be used for His glory

Yours in Christ

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