

## Every Mile Matters Fueling the Mission Together

Greetings from Calgary International Airport. My flight leaves after midnight, and Lord willing, I'll be sleeping in my own bed tomorrow night. I flew up from Atlanta, connecting through Toronto, and arrived Saturday evening. The Lord truly blessed me as I had the opportunity to speak three times at **Foundation** Baptist Church, pastored by Michael Miller. It's always a joy to share the ministry of **EMU International** and preach God's Word. Though this was my first trip to Canada, the Lord quickly connected me with several wonderful people in the church. One gentleman turned out to be the college roommate of a youth pastor I had the privilege to hire years ago. A couple of ladies shared how they regularly travel on short-term trips alongside dear missionary friends. I also met several people from India, including one man from Hyderabad, the same region where our missionaries Billy and Saritha Judson serve. He graciously treated Pastor Michael's family and me to a generous meal of authentic Indian food on Sunday night. It was truly a feast!

I thoroughly enjoyed spending time with Pastor Michael's family as well. He originally came to Canada as a missionary but is now fully supported by his local church. Yesterday, we spent a beautiful day hiking and exploring God's breathtaking creation in the **Canadian Rockies**. The aspens were glowing golden, and we saw several herds of elk near **Banff Springs**, including two massive bulls. It was a perfect reminder of the God who made all things.







Earlier today, Pastor Michael and I visited some church members to encourage them. The roads were unusually quiet because today is a national holiday in Canada. On my way to the airport, I met up for supper with **Pastor Tim Lacock**, an old college and

camp friend. There is something deeply encouraging about reconnecting with those who have walked alongside you in ministry.

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As October begins, I'm excited to hit the ground running. Next Sunday, Joanna and I will return to Tabernacle Baptist Church in Wilson, NC, where I pastored for ten wonderful years. This won't just be a reunion; it's a chance to remind a faithful congregation of their wonderful heritage and challenge them to take responsibility for sending missionaries from among this historic congregation. I'm already praying that God will stir fresh hearts there. The following weekend, I'll be in Statesville, NC, for a missions emphasis weekend with Pastor Jon Acker at East Side Baptist Church. Jon once belonged to Oakwood Baptist, where I served from 2010 to 2015. My prayer is that men and women will clearly hear God's call and respond with courage. Please join me in asking the Lord to raise up workers from these churches.

After that, I'll participate in a pastors' conference in the Raleigh area, then preach for a missions emphasis Sunday at Central Baptist Church in Rockville, MD, with Pastor Matthew Arney. Next comes a whirlwind trip to Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, IA, for their missions conference, followed by a meeting at Beckley Regular Baptist Church in Beckley, WV, with Pastor Ken Smith. While in the area, I'll also share EMU's ministry at Appalachian Bible College.

God was faithful last month as we shared at **Bob Jones University.** Please pray He will continue to move in hearts at these schools and others. These are fertile fields where the next generation will be equipped to cross cultures and borders. Let's ask the Spirit to work powerfully, raising up men and women who will carry the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Your partnership fuels every mile traveled, every sermon preached, every meal shared, and every seed sown. Thank you for investing alongside us in the eternal work of the gospel. We could not do this without you. We are here to serve you and your church in any way we can. If you have prayer requests, we would love to pray for you. Please feel free to reach out at <code>jeff@emuinternational.org</code> or (864) 617-7156. And if you'd like me to share EMU's ministry with your church family, just let me know.

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## **October**

- 5 Tabernacle Baptist Church, Wilson, NC
- 12 East Side Baptist Church, Statesville, NC
- 19 Central Baptist Church, Rockville, MD
- 20-24 Faith Baptist Bible College Global Reach Week
  - 26 Beckley Regular Baptist Church, Beckley, WV
- 27-29 Appalachian Bible College

## **November**

- Palmetto Baptist Church, Greenville, SC
- 9 Grace Baptist Church, Hamtramck, MI
- 16 Cornerstone Baptist Church, Bay City, MI
- 23
- 30



Who would have thought that there were so many Clemson fans in Canada. These young people surprised me on Sunday night.

I would love to sit down with friends and pastors and share what God is doing through our ministry and how they can join our team.

Philippians 4:17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account

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