



Last Tuesday, **Joanna** and I began our trip home from **Minneapolis** after a full month of ministry and a sweet stretch of time with our daughter **Abby's** family. Joanna had been there since June 25 helping prepare for the birth of their second son, and I arrived on July 21 after preaching in **North Carolina, Michigan, and Minnesota**. With ten grandchildren now—all under seven—we are grateful for every new life the Lord adds to our family. Baby **Pierson** arrived late in the evening on his due date, and even though I was still several states away at the time, that news brought a deep sense of joy and gratitude.



Our trip home became another chapter in what feels like a long series of travel misadventures. We knew the day might be challenging when the first alert warned us that weather could affect our plans. Our flight out of Minneapolis was delayed, which left us with a very small window to make our connection in **Charlotte**. Naturally, we landed at the far end of the A terminal and walked what felt like the entire length of North Carolina to reach the end of the E terminal. Thankfully, that plane was also delayed... or so we thought.

We boarded, sat on a very warm plane, and waited. When the crew began handing out cups of water, we knew it wasn't a good sign. Soon the pilot announced that we would need to deplane due to an IT problem affecting American Airlines flights nationwide. After an expensive airport supper, we boarded again—only to receive a severe thunderstorm alert for Greer and another delay. Eventually, we deplaned a second time. By the time we boarded for the third time, we were simply praying to make it home that night. Our twenty-minute flight to Greenville turned into hours of waiting on the runway, and once we landed at GSP, we waited nearly an hour for a gate. But just before midnight, we finally walked through our front door—tired, grateful, and thankful to be home.

Days like that remind me of a simple and steady truth: ***"The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."*** Psalm 121:8. This Pilgrim Psalm—sung by travelers making their way to Jerusalem, reminds us that God Himself watches over every step of His people's journey. Whether stepping onto a plane, walking through a terminal, preaching in a church, or returning home after midnight, the Lord preserves His servants. And He uses partners like you to strengthen those who strengthen others.

July was a full and encouraging month of ministry. I am grateful for the churches we visited, the pastors we encouraged, the missionaries we connected with, and the gospel opportunities the Lord provided.

Your prayers and support made every mile possible. You help missionaries stay on the field. You help national pastors receive training. You help gospel work continue in places where the soil is hard and the needs are great.

And I am praying that God will use this very letter to stir someone's heart toward missions. If the Lord is working in you—if you sense His call—I would love to talk with you. The harvest is great, and the workers are few. Reach out to me at jeff@emuinternational.org

Thank you for standing with us. Thank you for praying, giving, and encouraging. The Lord is using you more than you know.

Prayer Requests

- **August Work Trip to Uruguay:** Our August work trip to Camp Emanuel is here (August 3-16), and several major projects still need funding. We have a small team from the USA and a large group of national workers ready to serve. Here are the priority needs that still need funds: (1) Water Treatment System – \$11,300, (2) Tree Removal & Replanting – \$8,500, (3) Access Road for Cabins 5 & 6 – \$6,000.
- On a personal note: Please pray for our son, **Caleb Davis**, as he recovers from a concussion sustained a couple of months ago. He currently serves as Family Pastor at Grace Bible Church in Moore, SC.

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Sundays Open for Meetings

August 9 (AM & PM), September 6 (AM & PM),
September 13 (Raleigh Area AM),
September 20 (AM & PM), October 4 (AM & PM), October 11 (AM & PM)



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