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Dear Pastors, Faithful Supporters, and Friends,

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now (Philippians 1:3-5, emphasis added).

Recently, we were privileged to be with Pastor Rodney Kelly and the wonderful members of West Jacksonville Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida. The services involved my preaching and Jean speaking to the ladies Mother/Daughter Banquet. Because of our testimonies of past ministry in the Caribbean, a generous offering was given for Calvary Baptist Church, St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands. We are grateful for prayers and contributions to needs in the islands. The hurricane destruction throughout the Caribbean in 2017 has brought many hardships upon Christians and their churches.

We cannot live in the past, but memories and love of people and God's work in the Caribbean are still a very important part of our lives. You who have supported us through the years (one church since we left for the Virgin Islands in 1955) will remember how often we wrote concerning ministries of which God allowed us to be a part. Bluewater Bible College was begun because of the great need to train young men and women to preach and teach the Gospel and to build Baptist churches throughout the Caribbean. The Bible school opened in 1962 with only six students. It grew in attendance for many years with graduates going back to their home islands to plant churches or to other places where God led them.

My purpose for giving this information is to ask for your specific and earnest prayer regarding God's ministry in the Caribbean. As with some Bible colleges here in the United States, often struggling for a few years, Bluewater is now closed for an unknown time. The Trustees have a tremendous responsibility and need for wisdom. There is a great need for trained Godly pastors to plant new churches or to fill pulpits which are being vacated for different reasons. Three churches are in need now. Please pray!

We are thankful for God's blessings at BIMI. June 3-8 is the annual time for candidates to be here preparing for missionary work in many parts of the world. Beginning June 23, CAMP BIMI will be celebrating 25 years of fruitful ministry. We are blessed to have been able to work under the direction of Gerry and Diane Baughman. *"To God be the glory great things He has done."*

Sincerely yours in His harvest,

Ray Thompson
John 3:30

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