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Carter's "One More" Chronicle

Dear Pastor Clark & Church Family of First Baptist,

Easter will soon be upon us and give us a glorious time to preach on the resurrection. How exciting! It will also soon be three years since Glenda and I retired from the mission field. I am turning 71 and Glenda 72. Wow, have these years flown by so quickly because we do stay busy! Dave's 92 year old mother, Peggy Carter, decided last March that she no longer wanted to live by herself any longer for fear of something happening when she would be alone, so she has been living with us ever since. She fell and broke her hip the year before and that put a scare into her, rightfully so. She seems to be completely at peace now, and we are glad we can be here for her. She has been waiting for us these 45 years to come home and she knows it was God who kept her alive this long so she could spend her remaining time with her only son.

We want to thank you for continuing to supporting us faithfully even in retirement. Your recent offering of \$1000 & the Junior Church offering of \$50 was very much appreciated. Glenda and I stopped paying into social security a long time ago, but because we felt we would not be able to pay medical bills when we got older, we got back in long enough to get enough points to be able to get Medicare. That has helped us, even though we haven't been doing too badly physically. A hernia here, a pulled hamstring there for me, and both of us have type 2 diabetes. We are thankful to the Lord for His protection, physical strength and for our relatively good health. We trust and pray Pastor Clark that you and yours are staying in good health too.

After leaving Japan we have tried to jump right in to help where ever we can at our present church, the Fostoria Baptist Church, in Fostoria, Michigan. On 2 days a week I go out on visitation (Thursdays and Saturdays), just as we did in Japan when we were there. Glenda is able to fill in with occasional church meals (for funerals and special events), and also filling in as a backup secretary and as a backup teacher in the Christian school when necessary. I have been filling the pulpit once in a while at our church, and also at nearby churches and some of my supporting churches. So we are thankful that God continues to use us for His honor and glory! We would appreciate your prayers for our son Steve and his wife Bethany as they continue our church work in Tokyo now, and as they run with the baton of the Gospel.

With hearts full of thanks, we ask the Lord's richest blessings upon you Pastor Clark, and upon First Baptist Church of Bridgeview. Till we meet again!

Yours Forever,
Dave & Glenda Carter

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