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NEWSLETTER

THE BAUCOMS

Missionaries to the North American Natives

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Dear Pastor, Church And Friends Of Tom & Elaine Baucom,

Thank you for being merciful and longsuffering with Elaine & I concerning the lateness of our newsletter. I always try to send one out every quarter. By reading our past newsletters you will see that there is always something different to deal with. My appetite is dwindling and my mobility is slowing and stiffening. The doctor says that the **Parkinson's Disease** is causing many of my problems. I was amazed at how many people that don't know anything about this. I try to read everything I can about **Parkinson's Disease**.

Concerning the lateness of our newsletter, we wanted to let you know about some **Great News** that happened between our last news letter and this one. We were not ready to share this news because it was in the making. Sorta like a football when it hit's the ground, you never know which way it's going to go, but God knows and now it's **official**. God has sent a pastor for Garlow Line Baptist Church, **Pastor Jing Batac** and his family.



Our burden has been made much lighter.

We had several preachers to candidate but the people liked brother Jing and gave him a 100% vote. Garlow Line Baptist Church is so excited.

Being physically unable due to my deteriorating health, I've had to let some things go that needed to be done concerning the Church buildings, congregation and community outreach.

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We just could not do it. By the time I'd get to a door I was out of breath and could not talk. I'd walk by things that needed repairing and just weep as it broke my heart. I was so discouraged. The native folks were so discouraged. The Church had been through a lot in the last 3-4 years.(COVID). But you and I prayed and God heard our prayers.

And this is not all, **Pastor Jing** hit the ground running. He and his wife are well educated. Even their children are educated and musically inclined which will be an asset to the work. Brother Jing has started working on beefing up our S.S. going after the young people scattered around the community. **Pastor Jing** did like Nehemiah did when the King let him go back to Jerusalem. He has shared some plans with the church concerning outreach and knocking on doors, Lord Willing.

Pastor Jing and some of the people are compelling folks to come and they are coming too! They have a lot of Sunday dinners and coffee breaks between S.S. and Church. They have already had a family to join the Church. People are coming that have been out of Church for years. It is an exciting time at Garlow Line Baptist Church on the Six Nations Indian Reservation. We have had several revival meetings already with as many as 60-70 people to attend. Surrounding Churches are coming to back us up. Remember, God's timing is the best.

A "THANK YOU." seems so small to say to such a gracious people as you all. You have been a friend to Elaine and I. Thank you dearly for your continued prayers and financial support. Especially the gifts and cards at Christmas.

We have no plans to return to the states. We are 20 minutes away from the Reservation and Church. We will continue to visit the Reservation 3-4 times a week and help as much as we can. I just can't stand turning it loose cold turkey. That is 34 years of my life. It's hard.

Elaine and I are attending the Bethel Baptist Church in Simcoe. Pastor Al Feere is the Pastor. Pastor Feere and his Church have been so overwhelmingly good to us. I believe that the people at Garlow Line Baptist Church would follow Pastor Jing better if /;Elaine and I were not on the scene as much.

Other news you might like to know.

1. Our son and his wife are expecting their first child in June.
2. Elaine and I have been married for 50 years this past September.
3. We have pastored the Garlow Line Baptist Church for 34 years.
4. The Church gave us a **RETIREMENT SUPPER** and invited several pastors. There was about 70 people that came. I thought the floor would cave in.

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In Christ,

Tom & Elaine Baucom

Concerning our support level, we never know what will come in for the month. The Canadian government gives us a \$1000.00 after we turn 65 regardless of citizenship; It's called **Old Age Security** in which our rent eats that up at \$1800.00. a month, including utilities. **We get \$1000.00 a month Social Security** as Elaine did not work enough quarters. I just did work enough to give us this S.S. a month. Then our supporting churches has been a great help to us. Too, we never know when or how much that will be. This gives us 50 percent more to live on. We are thankful and doing ok. Most medications cost us \$6.00 each and hospitalizations cost us nothing.