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Dear Friends,

Psalm 90:10, "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."

It doesn't seem that long ago that as pastor of Loomis Park Baptist Church, I was given a big birthday celebration for my 40th. Last week I turned 60, and I am still trying to figure out where the days have gone. Although many are preparing for retirement at my age, I feel like the best years are ahead. Shelley and I have never enjoyed ministry more, and we are excited, and very humbled, as we continue to ask God to allow us to be a part of helping people receive the Gospel in their language . . . **for the first time**. We have seen a lot accomplished in these last seven years, and the momentum in the awareness of the work of FirstBible and in reaching the unreached people groups with the Gospel in their language continues to build!

Thank you for your help in prayer and giving support that allows us to be a part of FirstBible International. Along with the realization of being 60, there are several other BIG things happening with FBI and our lives personally. Regarding FBI, we are rejoicing that the **Kannada Bible** is now being printed and will be distributed soon! Many of you gave to help make this possible, and we again say, "Thank you!" Last month a new tower was added to the press at Bearing Precious Seed which is now capable of printing **40,000 John and Romans per hour!** Ongoing projects including newly translated Scripture, and finances for paper, printing and shipping are what is needed to keep the press running to capacity. Will you **PRAY** and will you **GIVE** to help us get the seed of the Word of God out of the barn and into the fields ripe already to harvest? The project we are now raising funds for is the **Thadu whole Bible for India**. As you recall, your giving helped us print and distribute the Thadu New Testament in 2013, and now we have the whole Bible ready to print. Please consider helping accomplish this project soon!

The Unpublished Word Journal is a quarterly publication of FBI that best keeps you updated regarding all the projects of FBI along with insightful missions articles. If you received the Journal in the past but not currently, please let us know so we can get it to you or go to firstbible.net to sign up, further increasing your missions vision for the unreached of the uttermost.

I am often asked how to highlight the missions program visibility in your church. My home church has installed a **touch screen missions kiosk** that has been well received. If you're interested in the details of this, you can visit MissionDisplay.com or contact Bro. Douglas at the number provided at the site.

Regarding us personally, I want to thank many of you who prayed and gave regarding the much-needed replacement of our 2008 Dodge Dakota with 197,000 miles. God has directed and provided a 2011 Ram 1500 with only 56,000 miles, and we are VERY grateful! And now, news of our **soon-to-come granddaughter** - TOMORROW is her doctor appointed due date. However, we are excitedly waiting on God's appointed birthday for her and words can't express our feelings regarding holding this precious little girl for the first time and being grandparents for the rest of our lives!

I do have some open dates this year and next year. If I can assist you in any way, please contact me at the information provided, and I look forward to seeing many of you soon. Let's press on for the glory of God!

*Thrilled in His service,
Brent and Shelley*