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Dear Faithful Friends,

Colossians 3:1-2 *“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. (2) **Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.**”*

It is always a good reminder for the saved in Christ Jesus to seek after and set our affections upon Heavenly things. Sometimes our minds can be distracted in various ways, which hinders us from seeking and setting rightly. If our minds are right with God, much can be accomplished for Him while having a proper attitude.

We were able to partake in two Mission Conferences during the month of October, one starting the month and the other finishing. Pastor Atwood and Anchor Baptist in Salt Lake City, UT started things off for us. Pastor Chris Starr and Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Brogue, PA finished out October. I love Mission Conferences because you can stay longer and become more familiar with the church people, while getting preached to numerous times. Evangelist Dave Smith preached many powerful messages on missions and Faith Promise Giving in SLC. Other missionaries such as Don Stertz, Mark Haynes, and Dan Tessin preached to us in Brogue, challenging us to give our all and do more for missions. Both conferences were used by God to speak to hearts and encourage the giver. These two churches were both kind and generous in their care of us. Praise God for pastors who set their affections upon things above.

On the 8th of October we traveled slightly north to Berean Baptist Church in Ogden, UT and Pastor Dave Mallinak. We enjoyed God's impressive creation and presented our calling to Poland before flying home for a few days. Seriously minded people about serving our Saviour always make for a hearty time of fellowship and allowing us to set our affection on things above. Beautiful mountains, colorful foliage, and active wildlife can distract a little, but if we keep our minds upon the God who created all such things, distractions cease. The things upon earth hold no fancy when compared to things in Heaven.

Sandwiched in between the conferences we were in Warrenton, VA and Hagerstown, MD. Pastor Vinton at Trinity Baptist in Warrenton has been a faithful preacher for over 45 years at his church. It is encouraging to see such longevity in one place while still holding true to the Word of God and service to Jesus Christ. Pastor Rogers at Harvest Baptist in Hagerstown is a faithful pastor who has only begun pastoring this church just over two years ago. The LORD has led him to do some wonderful things here and God is blessing. These are two men who have set their affection on things above and serve their Saviour with fervor and conviction. Amen!

God continues to care for us and supply our needs from meeting to meeting. The vehicles are running, our needs are being met via love offerings, and we are able to present our burden and calling to Poland to good, godly people and churches across the country. Please pray for our safety as we travel, our support to be quickly raised, God's grace for us to learn Polish, and for souls to be challenged for missions and to be saved. The months of November and December will find us in PA & SC. We are thankful and humbled to have Heritage Baptist Church of Woodbridge, VA partner with us to Poland. We thank all the churches for your prayers and support. Keep your affection on things above, while accomplishing the will of God on earth.

Sincerely,

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