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Thank you for the years of faithful prayers and support that has allowed me and my family to serve the Lord over 20 years both in the Arctic and the US. I was talking to my dad recently about the first church we presented the Arctic ministry to in September 2002. My thoughts go to **Ephesians 3:20-21** *Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.* I never imagined all that the Lord would do in and through my family as we sought to serve and glorify Him!

About 6 months ago the Lord made it clear to me that I would not be the long term pastor at Heavenly Heights. I began to pray and ask the Lord for continued direction and He quickly opened the door to connect me with a ministry that assists churches in finding a pastor. We are currently in the process of interviewing 1 man and have had a number of others contact us with interest. My plan is to help the church through the process of finding their next pastor. I will be relocating to Missouri sometime in the new year as I seek the Lord's continued leadership in my life.

Learning to live and minister without a wife has been a challenge. The Lord has been faithful and we can always look back and see with even greater detail how He has worked in exceeding abundantly ways. I needed the time that being Heavenly Heights has allowed me to have more time draw nigh to Him and be close to my family. The church needed the gifts and experience that the Lord has given me to be able to get settled and reorganized for future growth. It should never surprise us but always amaze us when we experience the faithfulness of God in our life.

I am thankful that my family has been able to all be together over the last year. We knew how to stay connected over the years while being spread out all over the world, but have needed each others presence. I am excited that in April we will have 2 more boys with us! Both Shelley and Annah are expecting. That will be 5 grandsons! Praise the Lord! It is a blessing to watch my boys be a husband and a dad as they lead their families in loving and serving the Lord. Andrena is in her second year teaching at Grace Christian Academy. She is a blessing to the church there as well singing in their music ministry.

I will close this update by saying Merry Christmas and Praise the Lord for His precious gift to us of salvation!