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Dear Pastor,

Thank you for your faithful service to our Lord Jesus Christ and for your fearless identity with Him. Thank you for your stand, like Gaius, for the truth.

During this year, the expanded ministries of Good Shepherd Baptist Missions have been challenged. At the same time, the basic and proven ministries have been greatly used of our Lord to assist many missionaries and pastors in their efforts to take territory that was in possession of Satan. Every soul won to Jesus is territory gained to the Kingdom of God. We realize, without a doubt, that we are in a spiritual warfare. It is impossible that ministries are always on a high and that challenging lows never occur.

Concerning the ministry phases:

Emergency Road and Rescue and Emergency Housing. The year started out slowly with fewer than normal calls but has steadily increased throughout the year. We received three emergency calls last week -- a number that is common. This ministry provides a tremendous help to those in the ministry who get into difficult situations with a vehicle failure. Because of vehicle failure, a young preacher, his wife and four children were stranded in northern Louisiana during hurricane Ike. GSBM was able to provide a motel room for them at the gouging price of one hundred and one dollars. This preacher had four hundred dollars with which to make the move to Georgia; and if we had not assisted his family, they would probably have been forced to spend the night in their vehicle. Their vehicle pulling a utility trailer with their possessions had motor problems.

Pastors Training School at East River Baptist Church, in New Caney, Texas went very well with a good attendance and a tremendous school. The school in Canada had to be cancelled, in large part due to the cost of traveling. At the last PTS that GSBM conducted at London in 2006, the men traveled from long distances to attend. The Pastors Training School at Oakside Baptist Church in LaGrange, Georgia had to be cancelled when the third instructor of six could not attend because hurricane Ike caused two falling trees to land on his house. The other two instructors could not travel to Georgia because of surgery recovery and because of scheduling problems. This, our first encounter with multiple instructor absences, was unavoidable and certainly regretful.

Missionary Training School in the Spring at First Baptist Church in Spencer, Ohio was an excellent school; however, the attendance was the lowest that we have ever experienced. I think that this occurred in large part because we shifted the date away from the week before Easter which is almost always a down week for missionaries making appointments to present their ministries. Future Missionary Training Schools will be conducted in Ohio during the week before Easter. We are planning a Missionary Training School at East River Baptist Church in New Caney, Texas each November. Our desire is that the school will provide training for those missionaries who reside west of the state of Mississippi. At least ninety-five percent of those attending the MTS in Ohio have come from states east of Texas.

God has greatly blessed my personal preaching meetings as well as the presentations of GSBM. I am thankful for the anointing of God on the preaching; otherwise it would be useless and produce nothing for the Kingdom of God.

Please pray for the ministries of GSBM and for me as director. Our Administrative Team also greatly needs your prayers as we plan to meet in November to make detail plans for the ministry for 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bro. Easter". The signature is written in a cursive style.