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Dear Friends,

Almost eleven hundred miles from their home, stranded on the side of an interstate with his wife and six children ranging from about 18 months to teens, Evangelist Matthew Weber decided to call Good Shepherd Baptist Missions' **Emergency Roadside Assistance**. It was eleven o'clock A.M. on Saturday morning, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013 when the preacher called GSBM's answering service stating that he was north of Birmingham, Alabama on I-59 at mile marker 160.7 in a disabled van. Brother Weber and his family were traveling to his next preaching appointment in Virginia when his 2006 F350 Van quit running.

The answering service immediately called Evangelist Gary Fox who handles all GSBM's roadside emergency calls. Brother Fox completed the necessary form and called Pastor Matt Morrison who is pastor of Riverview Baptist Church in Southside, Alabama. Southside is on the south side of Gadsden and about thirty miles from the breakdown site. Evangelist David Evans was also contacted and he drove to the location and was unsuccessful in getting the vehicle started.

Pastor Morrison drove to the location, loaded the family in the church van, took them to a motel and at the same time called for a wrecker to take the vehicle to a designated garage. The Ford Van had its defective fuel pump replaced but would not run properly and had to be taken to another garage specializing in electrical repairs. Victory Baptist Church in Lodi, Ohio, (Pastor Joe Williams), Grace Bible Independent Baptist Church in Shinglehouse, Pennsylvania, (Pastor Roger Hain) and GSBM paid for most of the mechanical repair charges and Riverview Baptist Church, Southside, Alabama (Pastor Matt Morrison) paid for several nights in a motel, meals, towing charges, and other expenses. Brother Weber also paid for some of the expenses.

Pastor Morrison stated that he greatly enjoyed having the Weber family with him for a few days. On one of those days, the Morrison family took the Weber family on an outing for some entertainment time for the children and of course to the church on Sunday for the services.

This was the first roadside emergency call that Riverview has received from GSBM for a vehicle breakdown and Brother Morrison expressed what a privilege it was for him and the church to be part of GSBM in this fashion. Riverview also has hosted one PTS (September 2012) and is set up for an annual GSBM Pastors Training School starting in February 2014.

All of **the transition for Good Shepherd Baptist Missions** is complete, and we are now operating fully under the ministry of Victory Baptist Church in Alexander City, Alabama where John Watkins is pastor. Since the ministry moved to Alabama, Lynn Kizziah became our new Financial Secretary. Lynn has taken the system that was initially set up nearly twenty years ago and converted it to Quicken. She is doing a very good job. Lynn has met via [www.GoToMeeting.com](http://www.GoToMeeting.com) with the Administrative Team for the first few minutes of the last two monthly meetings to give the team a briefing on the finances which remains stable. [WWW.GoToMeeting.com](http://WWW.GoToMeeting.com) has been good for GSBM's administrative team because we are so scattered around the globe.

With this system, we can see and hear each other live and have productive meetings on a regular basis for a set fee of \$49.95 a month.

It takes an enormous amount of time to prepare for the **Missionary Training School** coming up March 24<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment has been later than normal in coming but we continue to get new applications for the school. We are looking forward to the week of training Missionaries. Two hundred and twenty families have already attended the school since 1997.

We skipped having a **Pastors Training School** normally scheduled during February in lieu of making preparations for the **Online Pastors Training School**. That work is coming along very slowly because of delays in the availability of the desirable school website program, scheduling, and traveling of the leadership. One is in New Guinea, another in France and others just swamped with work. We will get the school up and running soon, Lord willing, but it is going to take much more time than was first estimated. Editing the audio tapes from previous Pastors Training Schools has made some of us have unpleasant reactions. Very few people are pleased with listening to their own audio presentations. We are determined that the school will be very high quality and leaders from many parts of the world will be excited about taking the courses. The potential of training leaders around the world to be more effective in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ is just enormous. There is no doubt that the on site Pastors Training Schools done here in America will see changes as the Online School is developed.

For those who are not already supporting Good Shepherd Baptist Missions, please pray about doing so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brother Easter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.