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Dear Praying Friends,

Early February we shared in a **letter** (actually three letters in one) to our supporting pastors and churches a burden to start and **plant a Bible-believing, Bible-teaching-and-preaching church** in Alabama, and **the Lord's re-direction from Hong Kong to Alabama, USA**. This burden has been on my heart for a long time and we shared it with our pastor and with the board. We returned from Hong Kong in December and in the January meeting TBMI gave us their vote of support and prayer.

It was not easy to leave **"our ladies"** in Hong Kong to the watch-care of a sister church. All of us shed lots of tears – but we also had lots of laughs thinking about all that happened during the years, and rejoicing over the results for eternity. We miss them as they tell us that they miss us.

In the letter we also shared our prayer requests for a meeting place, for accommodation (other than a motel ☺) and for folk "to come over and help us". We have felt such prayer support and it is encouraging to us!

The Alabaster, AL, Family YMCA has a small upstairs room which they are letting us **rent reasonably for Sunday morning and early evening**. I have looked at a number of houses and mobile homes with a view to renting and being suitable to have services. So far we are still looking and covet your prayers for discernment about the right location.

We have done **extensive inviting door to door and also at traffic lights**. Many have graciously rolled down their car windows and accepted the invitation along with a gospel tract. A man who did not have a ride came to both services one Sunday. The **exercise room at the Y** is right next to us and we have had some good **conversations with firemen** keeping physically fit. Hopefully they will remember they need to also keep fit spiritually. That night at the motel at 4:15 a.m. the **fire alarm** went off. A smoker in a in a non-smoking room ☺! But I was able to share the Gospel with **Sarah** at the desk. She is trusting in dreams she had in the past. Will you **pray for her salvation?**

Prayer – and Praise – requests:

A **church soon to be planted**, established and growing
Co-laborers
Salvation of folks
Prayer and praise for travel safety
Housing and meeting-place needs
Provision of needed finances
Praise for health & strength to continue serving the Lord
Praise and prayer for the folk left behind in Hong Kong

In His love and grace,
the Williams
Howell and Ruth

Acts 14:22 + 23, 27b; 15:3b;
"...exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God ...and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.
...they rehearsed (to the church) all that God had done with them.
...and they caused **great joy** unto all the brethren."