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Dear Prayer Warriors,

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We are writing this update from Central Indiana. We are now mobile in our missionary efforts since selling our home in Mesa. More about that later.

We want to update you on the work in Arizona, specifically the Baptist Indian Chapel. After talking with Pastor Yazzie yesterday we are encouraged with the fact that he plans a business meeting with the church members to elect officers. This is a great step in seeing the church becoming more independent especially since they have received FINAL word that the church lease has been renewed for 25 years with an option for another 25. This has been an up and down process for the last two years.

Since our last update there have been four young adults baptized and brought into the membership of the church. They are such willing workers in any activity that is going on including VBS, Sunday School and children's ministries. This is a definite encouragement to Pastor Yazzie. Please be in prayer for all the church family. With the many blessings we know as you do that the enemy is wanting disruption, discouragement and defeat. His plan has never changed. It is our responsibility along with those who have committed to pray for these dear ones to be faithful in their serving and loving the Lord.

Since selling our house in Mesa, we purchased a 30' 5th wheel and pick up truck. We left Arizona May 2 and traveled to Pensacola FL to witness the graduation of our grandson Manny. It was truly great to be with three other grandchildren that are in attendance there. Micah is attending West Coast and along with the three at Pensacola we will have four 'grands' graduating in the next three years.

As the Lord leads we anticipate opportunities to partake in College Mission Conferences across the country as well as presenting the need for workers in the Indian harvest fields in churches. We also are excited to be able to visit reservations and areas with heavy Indian population. This has been an area of service we have looked at for a number of years, but have not had the mobility to explore. We plan to be back in Arizona on a regular basis as we are called upon to fill in for our IBIMI missionaries. We are both excited as we walk (drive) through a new and open door of ministry.

We especially want to extend our gratefulness to each of you who faithfully pray for the ministries of IBIMI as well as us personally.

In His love and ours,

Dave and Becky DeFord