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To Our Pastors, Friends, and Family,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Shannon and I are writing you today to share with you the burden that the Lord has placed on our hearts. This spring, as we were searching for the next step in our lives, we were blessed to meet Sheldon and Christina Rogers who live in Stewart, British Columbia. They were searching for someone to move to Stewart to pastor a new church plant. As we conversed, the Lord placed a burden on our hearts for this remote area. Over the last few weeks, this burden has grown stronger and stronger. After seeking much council with our pastors and family, we have determined that our next step should be to travel to Stewart for a short survey trip in preparation to move there to serve as pastor of the newly planted Charity Baptist Church.

Stewart, British Columbia is located five minutes from Hyder, Alaska. To put that in perspective, driving north from Seattle, Washington, takes over twenty-one hours by car. To purchase groceries some people in Stewart make a monthly trip of about 3 ½ hours to the city of Terrace. In all of their isolation from the rest of the world, Stewart is also spiritually isolated. There are no churches in Stewart that are of like faith. Our hearts are broken for the people there and we are already longing to be in Stewart.

As you already know, for us to go, there is a cost. We are writing to ask you to join with us in prayer as we attempt to raise \$6,000 for our needed travel expenses. Please pray for us and if you are able and the Lord leads, we would appreciate any financial help that you could provide as well. We and our home Church, Temple Baptist Church of Chesapeake, Virginia have partnered with Baptist Home Missions Board to organize this survey trip. Any financial contributions can be sent to Joe Noreau c/o Baptist Home Missions at P.O. Box 17575 Raleigh, NC 27619-7575.

We expect that once we are there our eyes will affect our hearts and we will know for certain that God has called us to help establish this tiny church plant and help it to grow. Please pray for us as we begin this journey!!

In His Vineyard,

Joe and Shannon Noreau

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