

Dear Friend of [Abiding Above](#),

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I was just thinking about the words I heard this evening in a song, *“My sins held Him to the cross until it was accomplished.”*

We are so blessed to be children of God. It was such an expensive grace that purchased our salvation and snatched us from Satan’s kingdom! May we never lose the deepest meaning of the cross of Jesus Christ, where He died for us and as us, according to Galatians 2:20 and Colossians 3:1-3.



[A Trip To The Holy Land:](#)

Many years ago now, in 1993, I had the privilege of traveling to the Holy Land with Dr. Adrian Rogers. I was a railroad engineer at the time, and occasionally visited Bellevue Baptist Church when I traveled up from Mississippi to visit my brother and his family. I picked up a brochure one day at the church and noticed that Dr. Rogers was leading a trip to the Promised Land. My mind began to race! My initial

thoughts were these, *“I can’t afford it, it is so far away, there is unrest in the region, and I was single at the time and thought it would not be for me.”*

Boy, was I ever wrong! Though 17 years have gone by now, that wonderful trip is still a major highlight in my life! God put it on my heart, and made the way clear for me to go. I have never regretted it. If I had missed that trip I would have always had in the back of my mind a nagging thought, *“I should have gone.”* To be in the old cities of Jerusalem and Bethlehem and walk where Jesus walked as He made His way carrying our cross to Calvary is truly an unforgettable experience!



To stand at the garden tomb and think back through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus was a holy moment for me. To go inside the tomb and have prayer, and to take the Lord's Supper as a group was a most unforgettable experience.

Well, it's time to go back! Praise God, I am getting ready to lead my first tour there and I want you to go with me. Don't say no, just say yes! The price is only \$300 more than when I first traveled. So, please join me October 10 – 19, 2010 for a glorious trip to the Holy Land. You simply must go! You deserve it!

The enclosed brochure outlines the details of our upcoming trip. Please take a moment to read through it and prayerfully consider being a part of this wonderful opportunity. Make your reservation today space is limited. We would truly love to have you travel with us! You may contact the office at Abiding Above Ministries if you have any questions. You may contact Carolyn at 901-590-9890 or E-mail calsip@abidingabove.org.

Ethiopia 2010: I ask you to pray for me. When you receive this newsletter I will be making the final preparations for our trip to Ethiopia. I will be preaching in several prisons and an orphanage, as well as preaching at a Pastor's Conference. Pray that God will prepare the hearts of the prisoners who will hear the clear teaching of God's Holy Word. Pray also as we visit and minister to those in the local orphanage. Pray especially as we meet with the local officials in the city of Addis Ababa on behalf of the many needs of these little children. We need the men of the capital city to help these little ones with the most basic of provisions and with education, along with training and discipleship in God's Word. Pray for the pastors to be enlightened and encouraged at the Pastors Conference. Pray for me also, as I listen to others and plan with others, a church planting opportunity in the capital city. There is great need for a sound biblical church that will be accountable to clearly teach God's Word to the people instead of another signs and wonders church.

I want to thank those who have given financially to make this ministry opportunity happen. Many will be saved because you have helped me in this. We can give the glory to God! Out of the \$5,500 we needed, we now need only \$1,600 to cover the basic expenses. Someone, if God has blessed you with extra, please help us with this amount.

Thank you for your continued support. You are a blessing to me!

Abiding above,

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Colossians 3:1-3