

# the Schank Family

Serving in Blair, Nebraska

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January – February 2017 Prayer Letter

Dear Supporters and Praying Friends,

Greetings from Blair! I want to thank each one of you who have prayed for us, sent an email, penned a letter and/or supported us financially in the last two months. Thank you for your faithfulness. Please know... without your help, we could not do what we are doing.

When we began the New Year, it marked a milestone in our ministry. This coming December, Shilo and I will celebrate 10 years of service with Macedonia World Baptist Missions. As you might expect, this year in and of itself means quite a bit!

The last two months have brought more first time visitors, and some familiar faces have returned. We did have a family join our assembly that was saved and baptized a few months back. We have seen some of our people really growing spiritually and making some hard decisions. God is honoring those steps of faith and it is really neat to see how each situation plays out.

On February 12<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the formal organization of Great Commission Baptist Church from a mission to a church. The 9<sup>th</sup> of February marked our 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary! Pastor Lamar Whittemore of Harvest Baptist Church in Watertown, South Dakota, along with his wife, Chastity, came down to help us celebrate the occasion. They were such an encouragement to our entire church family!

After the Homecoming Service, while in my office with Pastor Whittemore, I received a shocking phone call. A dear lady, whom I knew while pastoring in North Dakota, passed away. I was asked to conduct the funeral proceedings later in the week, so I hurriedly made preparations to go. Little did I know that such a sad occasion would be the vehicle that God would use to change my life.

While in North Dakota, God opened the door to preach in the church that I left just about a decade ago. I have been there one time before, but this time was different. After the service, which must be described as "ANNOINTED", I was able to make amends with the church family. Forgiveness and reconciliation was made on both sides! For ten long years I have carried some bitterness in my heart. That night the burdened rolled away and I felt like I could move on! I also know now that the church can move forward. Obedience to God's Word can set anyone free!

Our family is doing well. Everyone is making good grades. The boys are using their spare time helping a family on their farming projects. Miranda is having fun with her job at the library. Andrea has been doing fine, but she did have a seizure on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February. Nothing like this has happened before. She was diagnosed with having an "unprovoked seizure". Thankfully she has not had any since. Please keep her in your prayers.

I will conclude this letter by again saying, "THANK YOU!" I do appreciate your kindness over the years. It does not go unnoticed. Shilo and I will be praying for you and if there is anything specific that you would like us to pray about, then please do not hesitate to call us. May Christ bless you and your endeavor to serve Him!

Your Missionary,

Andrew Schank

Proverbs 3:5-6

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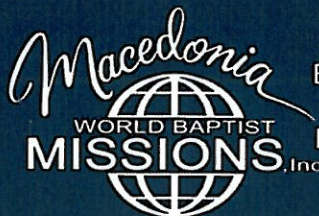
Mark 16:15 "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (KJV)

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