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Dear Fairhaven Baptist Church,

As we finish this season of Thanksgiving, we have the opportunity to celebrate the wonderful gift of God's Son to this world. What an incredible blessing to be able to serve our great Lord!

We graduated from Fairhaven Baptist College in 2001 and served for two years at Bethel Baptist Church in Tennessee. It was at that time, the Lord led us to Indianapolis where we lived for twelve years. We worked at our church on bus routes, taught Sunday school and Jr. church, and anywhere else we were needed. We truly thought that our training at F.B.C. and work in Tennessee was to prepare us to be a help and blessing in the local church in which we were involved.

In the fall of 2014, I felt the Lord leading me back into full time Christian service. I wanted to wait and have the Lord open the door for me. It was just six months later that Pastor Crowell called and asked if I would come and assist him at Beth Haven Baptist Church in Sheridan, Michigan. We were able to see the Lord do some amazing things in our lives during that time.

We have been at Beth Haven for almost two and a half years. My wife and I both teach in the Academy where I serve as the principal. There are so many opportunities of service and the biggest thing we have found is to be flexible. I was asked to lead the choir two years ago, and my daughter Lauren accompanies me on the piano. This past July the church pianist moved away, and Lauren has taken over that position as well. We are thankful for the experience she is being able to receive in that area. In January, Laci our second daughter will be playing for our childrens' choir. She is very excited!

Our family is able to serve together in the bus ministry and in many other areas of service. We are thankful for the training we received at Fairhaven. It is always a blessing to return and see your unchanging faithfulness to the Lord. It both encourages us and challenges us to continue to find God's will and do it. We appreciate your prayers as we strive to serve the Lord together here in Michigan. May the Lord richly bless you all as you continue to serve Him!

In Christ,

Phillip and Charity Heilmann