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## ***Heartbeat for Harvest***

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To the Delegates and Guests at the  
61<sup>st</sup> Saskatchewan MB Convention

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Although we are not physically present with you for this Convention, we want you to know that we are with you in our thoughts and prayers. Our hearts are still firmly attached to ministry in Saskatchewan. It seems strange being in a country where we are strangers. In Saskatchewan we can hardly go anywhere without bumping into someone we know. Here we can go almost everywhere without meeting anyone we know. As we sit in church services and as we go to different places or events, we often lean over to each other and point to someone and ask "who does that person remind you of?" Very often it is one of you! Could it be that we are missing you?

We want to thank you for these four months of sabbatical which you have graciously given to us. Our time away continues to be enriching and refreshing. I have especially enjoyed the class on Anabaptist Mennonite Brethren Studies. John A. Toews, in his book *A History of the Mennonite Brethren Church*, says: "All attempts to interpret the past are indirect attempts to understand the present and its future". I have truly gained a new appreciation for our denomination and I am humbled to be a present day leader. Grace has also been privileged to be a part of this class.

Our time here is also including some good times of rest and relaxation. We have gone to the ocean twice and we have also enjoyed the amazing Sequoia Trees up in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. This week there are no classes so we are doing some traveling and sight seeing. We will experience life in Death Valley National Park and then perhaps go on to see the western tip of the Grand Canyon. We will try not to feel guilty as we enjoy these sights while you are at the Convention.

Our prayer is that God will move to instill in your hearts a Heartbeat for Harvest. May you have wise and discerning minds to make good decisions.

"May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20 & 21)

Joyfully in Christ,

*Ralph & Grace Gliege*