## **Ends of the Earth Mission**

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Pastor Al Hughes plans to resign next year from a long and successful pastorate at Bible Baptist Church in Port Orchard, Washington. I understand he will be available for special meetings, conferences, etc. He is by no means retiring from the work of the Lord! We resigned after almost 20 years in 1993 as pastor from Victory Baptist Church in Millbrook, Alabama to develop a work in foreign missions. Brother Hughes was an encouragement and help when we began Ends of the Earth Mission (EOTEM)

It is an honor to recommend the ministry of Al Hughes. Brother Al and Barb Hughes have been our friends in the work of our Lord for over 30 years. Sue and I have been guests in their home. When a pastor, I preached several times in special meetings at the church he has pastored since 1986 (Bible Baptist Church Port Orchard, Washington). It has been a blessing to see the wisdom, maturity, and spiritual leadership over these years as Brother Hughes led his membership from a small number into a vibrant, growing ministry with new property and beautiful buildings in the Northwest USA.

While leading Bible Baptist in a successful building program, Brother Hughes allowed us to place a prefab home on their new church property without charge. The church even did foundation work and utility preparation. This USA base for our work in Asia provided a much needed location. Because of Brother Hughes kind support and help, our mission was enabled to place missionaries in China and start many churches in rural areas of the Philippines. Without his help and support, our work would have been severely hindered. Brother Hughes has been a faithful supporter of world evangelism as long as we have known him. Many other Pastors and missionaries can echo the help they received from Brother Hughes in the ministry.

Brother Hughes is a dedicated student of the word of God, a real workman that strives to please the Lord, and because of that he excels as a preacher and teacher of the Book. He knows how to train students for the ministry and has done that for years.

Without exception, I can say that over the years, he and his wife Barb have been examples and inspiration to us. We have preached, fellowshipped and traveled overseas together. Their character and behavior in public and private is above reproach.

I heartily recommend Al Hughes in his ministry as he continues to carry on the work of the Lord. This recommendation comes, not from one without knowledge of Brother Hughes' longstanding ministry, nor is it with hasty words. We are assured that whatever Brother Hughes puts his hands to in the future that spiritual fruit will continue to abound.

In Jesus' Name,

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