

# ***RUSS AND BARBARA STOCKMAN MISSIONARIES AT LARGE***



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Dear Faithful Supporters and Prayer Warriors,

Yesterday, October 31, we officially retired from the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE), the agency through which we have served the Lord since 1982. We have announced our intention to take this step since our November, 2016 prayer letter. Therefore, we are asking that no more financial support in our name be sent to ABWE. We do not expect that we will receive any support sent to ABWE in the future.

We have spent the past year reporting on our ministry to our supporting churches, most of whom have been with us since before we arrived in Kenya on March 5, 1986. Words cannot express how grateful we are for you, our faithful prayer and financial supporters, for all of these years! Only eternity will show the "fruit that abounds to your account" through your partnership in ministry with us!

The Lord enabling us, we intend to "retread, and not to retire," so to speak! We believe that surely the Lord has more ministry that He wants us to be involved in! We believe and pray that at least part of that will have to do with helping with the establishment of other independent Baptist churches in the USA and abroad. Therefore, we have offered ourselves as "furlough replacements," short term substitutes for other missionaries, to two other independent Baptist missions. We believe that the Lord is supplying for us to do these new ministries with personal retirement funds. Therefore, we are urging our financial supporters to immediately stop the support that they have been giving to the ministries we have been involved in and shift that support to other independent Baptist missionaries. We do, however, desperately need your continued prayer support! If you would like to receive an occasional email update from us, please send us your email address at one of the email addresses given above.

Yours for the World Wide Harvest,

Russ and Barbara