Introduction

Gail and I feel so blessed by God and by you. Thank you!

I. Thank you for your partnership in the gospel. Verses 3-6

Paul started the church in Philippi on his second missionary journey. He wrote this letter some 10 years later.

Paul thanked them for their partnership (koinonia).

A partnership is joining in the work of the gospel. That is what the Philippians did.

From the first day, you have been partners in this ministry.

Because of your partnership in the gospel:

- Hundreds have come to know Christ.
- The church has grown.
- Lives have been changed.
- Churches have been planted.
- Missionaries have been sent out.
- Disciples have been made
- Laborers have been raised up.

“And the God who began this good work will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

II. Thank you for your friendship and love. Verses 7-8

“I have you in my heart.”

Ministry is hard work and it is heart work.

Burdens are carried, but there are blessings too.

Sometimes I have walked around this building and thought, how did all of this happen?

God did it. And he did it through you working together.
We are a family.

“We teach all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35

We love one another.
We pray for one another.
We bear one another’s burdens.
What Gail and I treasure most are the relationships we have with you.

III. Thank you, Lord, for calling us here. Verses 9-11

God has done “exceedingly abundantly beyond all that I could ask or imagine.” Ephesians 3:20

To him belongs all the glory.

This is my prayer.

- That your love for God and people would continue to grow.
- That you would grow in your knowledge of God and his will for your life.
- That you would choose the things that are excellent.
- And that you would be pure and blameless until the day of Christ.
- To the glory and praise of God!

Conclusion

Prayer and Passing the Baton