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Midland SDA Church 2420 E. Ashman St. Midland, MI 48642

Dear members of the Midland SDA church:

Greetings in the Lord!

It is with regret that I cannot join you in your centennial celebration. I have fond memories of the short time we shared together. I was a young pastor without much experience, but you were very welcoming and supportive. I remember your passion for trying new ways to reach people for Christ, your health and cooking classes, and your Daniel seminars. Your beautiful pipe organ was built during that time. And of course, I can't forget that it was during my time at Midland that I became a US citizen and was ordained.

If any of you ever come to Alabama or Tennessee, please stop by to visit us. We still have the nightstand that Wilbur Rickel made for me, and it will be next to your bed in our guest room.

Although I cannot be with you for this important occasion, I rejoice with you in your celebration. A hundred years is a long time. It is a testimony to your faithfulness to God. It also means that we are one hundred years closer to the second coming of Christ. May His return be soon! (Revelation 22:20)

Yours in Christ,

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