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Dear Pastor Todd, elders, and the beloved congregation of Harvest Bible Chapel Barrie,

Twenty-five years. It is a milestone that calls us to pause, to remember, and to give glory to God for what He alone could have built.

In 2001, when a small and faithful group gathered in Barrie, Ontario, to plant the first Canadian church from Harvest Bible Chapel Chicago, none of us could fully see what God intended. But He did. And He has been faithful — to His Word, to His church, and to the people He called to that community.

We rejoice with you. What has grown in Barrie is not merely an extension of a ministry — it is a living testimony to the grace of God. From the beginning, we have shared a common devotion: to preach God's Word faithfully, to worship in ways that lift high the name of Jesus, to pray with dependence and expectation, to proclaim the gospel to the lost, and to multiply that work through church planting. Twenty-five years on, Harvest Barrie stands as fruit of those shared convictions.

To those who have been with Harvest Barrie since 2001 — you know what it cost, and you know what it has meant. You planted in faith, you watered through difficult seasons, and you are now celebrating a harvest. We honor you. And to those who have joined along the way — you are part of a story that was being written before you arrived, and your chapter matters.

Pastor Todd, thank you for your steadfast leadership. The church in Barrie reflects a shepherd who has stayed, who has served, and who has loved his flock well.

We send you off into your next chapter with same mission: *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*
Matthew 28:19–20

We celebrate with you, we thank God for you, and we look forward with great expectation to all He still has in store for Harvest Bible Chapel Barrie. To God be the glory.

With great affection in Christ,

Jeff Bucknam and the Elders
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