

# 2013 Sabbatical Report



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# 3(4)-fold purpose



- ❧ Complete & edit commentary project and research & begin writing text on theological trajectories within OT
- ❧ Engage in travel experiences that will introduce me to a culture with which I am unfamiliar and a more local socio-historical situation in which I have interest
- ❧ Teach in a cultural context other than my primary culture
- ❧ Make a “Pilgrimage”

# RESEARCH AND WRITING



- ☞ Completed all writing and first-round of editing for NBBC series on Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, and Micah
- ☞ Completed all research, outline (Table of Contents) and approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  of text for “God Plot” (study in theological trajectories in OT)

# TRAVEL EXPERIENCES



Prepared for travel through reading texts on:

Indian culture and its relationship to the dominant religions of India

Biography of Gandhi

# TRAVEL EXPERIENCES



∞ INDIA (the Golden Triangle: Delhi, Jaipur, Agra)

∞ Introduction to and first-hand experiences in Hindu, Jain, and Sikh temples. Engagement in conversation with Hindu thought and leader in Sikh temple

∞ Site of Gandhi assassination and site of cremation as well as the Gandhi museum with its emphasis upon social change through non-violence

# TRAVEL EXPERIENCES



## Prepared for Travel

Reading Clayborne Carson's  
"autobiography" of King

NPR series: "Eyes on the Prize"

Booker T. Washington's Up From  
Slavery

W. E. B. DuBois' The Souls of Black  
Folk

# TRAVEL EXPERIENCES



## ☞ GEORGIA/ ALABAMA – CIVIL RIGHTS EXPERIENCE

☞ King museum, Ebenezer Baptist, childhood home, burial site in Atlanta

☞ Tuskegee (University and Airmen)

# TRAVEL EXPERIENCES



- ❧ Selma (Selma Interpretive Center, National Voting Rights museum, First Baptist Church, Edmund Pettus bridge)
- ❧ Montgomery (Civil Rights Museum, Dexter Ave King Memorial Baptist, King Parsonage, Rosa Parks Library, Greyhound station)
- ❧ Birmingham (16<sup>th</sup> St Baptist Church, Kelly Ingram Park)



# TEACH IN CULTURE OUTSIDE OWN CULTURAL CONTEXT



☞ Sofia, Bulgaria: “Theology of Holiness”

☞ Tirane, Albania: “Introduction to the Old Testament”

# PERSONAL PILGRIMAGE



## ☞ Rome

☞ St. Peter

☞ Santa Maria Maggiore

☞ St. John Lateran

☞ St. Paul's Outside the Wall

## ☞ Assisi

☞ San Damiano

☞ Basilica of St. Francis

☞ Basilica of St. Clare

☞ The Assisi "Hermitage"

# Prayer of St. Francis at San Damiano



Most High, glorious God,  
Enlighten the darkness of my heart  
and give me true faith, certain hope  
and perfect charity, sense and  
knowledge, Lord, that I may carry  
out your holy and true command