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Dear Friends,

Thank You check recipients and others who received financial assistance from the 2008 Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering were overwhelmed by the generosity of American Baptist congregations in the midst of the most severe recession since the Great Depression.

George and Charlotte Gillespie, Moorestown, NJ, wrote: “We deeply appreciate the members of our ABC congregations—many of whom may have been dealing with their own financial problems—who contributed to the RMMO out of their love, loyalty and faith.”

Contributions to the RMMO in 2008 totaled \$1,383,537. Of that amount, 57% was distributed as Thank You checks to 3,238 retired American Baptist ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses. The average check was \$258.69.

Thirty-eight percent was made available to people with emergency and other heavy financial needs, and 5% was used for administrative expenses.

Please join me as we *Remember with Love and Give with Gratitude* to those who have dedicated their lives to Christian ministry. Please make a generous contribution to the RMMO, which will be collected throughout the month of January, 2010. Our church goal is \$800.

Your gift makes a difference.

Sincerely,

The Missions Committee

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