

## **transcript of video from Tom Wheeler, August 2025**

Well, hello to you all from stateside for a change!

Some of you are already aware, having spoken to you via phone, text message, video call, etcetera, that the Lord is leading us in a different direction after these many years in Wales. Having left our people in good Welsh hands in Wales, we are at a place where we need to start over somewhere. At this stage of life, I doubt that we have a minimum of twelve to fifteen years left in us to start again somewhere in Wales and get to a place where we can hand it over. I am not, however, ready to pack it in. There is a bit of go left in me yet.

For about ten months or so a growing concern for what arguably is a neglected portion of the American landscape, one which church planters these days tend to dismiss out of hand, has been occupying my mind and heart. It will be a hard slog, a difficult endeavour, church planting in small town heartland America. There are small towns all over the rural, farming areas of the upper Midwest and high pains region of the country that have no true gospel preaching church in them. To be sure, there is no shortage of religion. But by the grace of God, the Wheelers desire to be the instrument of our Lord's merciful, saving grace shown in the ingathering of a spiritual harvest among those who are actually familiar with the concept of a harvest.

But that won't be until next year. In the meantime, we have many supporting churches to whom we need to make a final report of our twenty-eight years of working in Wales. We saw some of you back in 2019, some in 2010, some in 2002-2003, and some of you have not seen us face-to-face since the 1990s! So, if at all possible, we want to thank you in person for standing with us in the Lord's work during this time.

If you happen to be among those who haven't heard from me recently and have any questions about the direction we are heading, please contact me via email at [twheeler1961@yahoo.com](mailto:twheeler1961@yahoo.com) or text or phone me on (402) 394-4981. Those on Facebook know how to reach me via Messenger.

America has changed much since we first set off for Wales in 1997, but our Lord Jesus Christ is still the same, and so is His gospel that we preach. May we and you find many who have ears to hear.