



I shared these personal thoughts several years ago and want to share them again.

This Friday, we will take time to reflect on the providence of God in the founding of our nation and our school, and how He has touched our own lives in so many ways. As I look back over the years, I am so thankful for all the amazing and wonderful ways God has provided people and circumstances to enrich my life. Although I owe a debt of gratitude to South African Christians whom God used to help shape me, I am also extremely thankful for how God used the generosity of

American Christians in His providential guidance over me and my family.

American Christians gave so that American missionaries could evangelize South Africa over one hundred years ago.

American Christians gave so that American missionaries could plant a church in my hometown of Durban in the 1950s.

American Christians gave so that American missionaries could work at the little Christian college I went to in the 1980s.

American Christians gave so that I could receive a scholarship to come to the USA to further my education in the 1990s.

Over the past twenty-eight years, I have been immensely privileged to join the ranks of American Christians to serve the Lord in this great country.

In many respects I am a product of the American Christian heritage. So, when I give thanks at Thanksgiving, it always includes an acknowledgement of thanks for American Christians whom God has used to touch my life in so many ways.

Thank you.