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Since that beginning assignment our TIPS journey has led us to Portage Indiana, Reading PA, Othello WA, Sioux Falls SD, Des Moines IA, Sarasota FL, Selinsgrove PA, Prattville AL, Buffalo NY, Madison OH, and presently we are serving our 12<sup>th</sup> congregation as TIPS Pastor in Springfield MO.

It has been an awesome and tremendously fulfilling journey as God has used us in healing, refocusing, renewing and leading congregations from "anxiety to anticipation."