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Dear Supporting churches & prayer partners,

Ministry Transition

We have been back stateside in Fargo, ND since March 7th intending to return to Botswana on May 5th. Only a week after our arrival the world would respond and declare Covid-19 a pandemic. With the ensuing lockdown weeks later, our return flight had been canceled and churches moved forward with online services.

Interestingly, during this time, it has been a season of transition for several families here at our church, and it appears it will be for us as well. Months before returning to the states the Lord had been placing on my heart that He was moving us on from the work in the village of Mochudi, which is our sponsor into the country. Through prayer and counsel from leadership, it had become more apparent the Lord was moving us on from Botswana as well. Since we have arrived, other circumstances have only confirmed this for us.

We love the people we ministered to and have seen folks get saved and disciplined during our four and a half years of serving there. Bro. Bruce Moore will be continuing with the ministry. A year ago, Bro. Moore and his family arrived in Botswana to minister in the region as well. Bro. Moore decided it was best to remain in the country throughout the lockdown and we are praying for the easing of restrictions sooner rather than later so that things can move forward both there as well as here.

In the meanwhile, I have been helping put together a radio program for the church's work in Liberia, West Africa, and will be recording this week. Having surrendered to missions, that is still where our heart is. The goal for ministry has been to remain flexible to the Lord's leading. I have been asking the Lord what He would have me personally do with evangelism through the printed page and focusing in the areas of discipling and training national workers to see churches planted.

Southern Brazil

Our pastor approached me about a young man by the name of Orlando. Orlando is a farmer from the southern state of Paraná in Brazil, who lives in the city of Santo Antonio de Platina. Orlando had previously spent some time living in North Dakota. After moving back to Brazil, Orlando had found online sermons from FBC and contacted our pastor. Over

time, while corresponding with pastor, he had completed the online salvation Bible lessons. Pastor had the opportunity to lead Orlando to the Lord over the phone. Here are a couple of emails he had written since:

“I wanna say, thank you, thank you, thank you. I was expecting too much of feelings, and I was not believing on the promise of God, For ‘whosoever’ shall call upon the name of the ‘Lord’ ‘shall’ be saved. My heart is not trustworthy, Jeremiah 17:9. I took too long to understand that because I was expecting feelings. And now I know that I can rest on the Bible promise and not on my heart. It is amazing how you could realize that. Do you know any Missionary that is in Brazil, or coming down here? It would be a pleasure to meet. Yesterday, January 21, about 11:00 pm Brasilia time zone, I got saved with your help, and in principle with the blood of Christ, and His promise.” Thank you, pastor,”
Orlando

“I’m trying my best on watching sermons, and being plugged into the Word of God, and praying, praying, praying. I know God is hearing and answering. FBC, Pastor Tony Scheving, all Missionary in Liberia and all new believers from there are on my prayers.”
Orlando

There is much more that I could share with you. Especially, how Orlando has translated the online salvation Bible lessons into Portuguese, which have been proofed, and is trying to reach those around him with the gospel. He is continually seeking more training and ministry opportunities. After having received this information from church leadership and spoken with Orlando myself over the phone, I cannot turn away from the opportunity the Lord has placed before us.

Trip

Lord willing, as travel restrictions mutually ease between our countries and missionaries are freed from their states of limbo, I plan to travel to Paraná for some discipleship and training. It may be awhile, but the plan is to go for a month to build more of a relationship with Orlando, his family, and friends, and to determine ministry needs and the direction the Lord would have us go. We would be able to stay 3-6 months with a tourist visa if the Lord led that way. If it extended to a year or more, we would need to look at other visa options.

Knowledge

Do you remember the young man that was saved a few weeks before we left Botswana? I have remained in touch with him while being home. He sent a short testimony video to us. It was a blessing and we have uploaded it so you can watch it as well. [You can find it at this link.](#)

We have been blessed and thankful for your prayers and faithful financial support to the work in Botswana. I do need to return to Botswana at some point to finalize some things there as well. We are excited for the potential ministry in Brazil and will continue to send out our prayer letters as things develop.

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Thank you again and Lord bless!

Acts 16:9,10

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Orlando

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