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IMPORTANT FAMILY & MINISTRY UPDATE!

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Dear Family and Friends,

I once heard someone say: “When Jesus speaks to us, He always speaks toward obedience.” What this person meant is that Jesus is always wanting us to act on what He is saying. He is always wanting us to do something with what He says

In this newsletter we’ll share how our students in the recent Bible Core Course (BCC) engaged with God’s Word through their studies, how we as a family are part of pioneering training for Cuban believers, and we’ll share some BIG changes coming for our family and ministry. We hope you enjoy the read!



Our Bible Core Course Staff & Students

2019 Bible Core Course (BCC):

We just finished up leading and staffing our 8th BCC here in Orlando. We’re so grateful for each

student the Lord gave us this school. They all came eager to work hard and engage with the Bible. Whether it was from their questions during lectures, the times of discussion during our weekly reflection time, or their practical assignment they handed in on the books they studied—these students were determined to go deeper in knowing God’s nature, His character, and His ways through the twelve weeks with us. It was such an honor to be fellow learners with them as together we engaged with the Bible and discovered tools to pass on to others as they dig in to His Word.



Cuban Believers involved in the year-long training project we’re helping to pioneer.

Ministering in Cuba:

In the middle of the BCC, I flew to Cuba to help train local believers and Pastors in the area of worldview. Believers in Cuba do not have religious freedom like we do in western countries and they have limited access to training and other Biblical resources. The

believers we worked with are leaders in their churches and communities. Equipping them with knowledge and tools to engage their culture with Biblical truths will help them as they work to bring God's Kingdom to their nation. This specific training is a year-long project we as a family are involved in. Please be praying for us as we invest into the body of Christ in Cuba in 2019. It is a privilege for us to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ in Cuba!

Family and Ministry Update:

During one of our corporate times of worship and prayer this past fall, I was thanking the Lord for His goodness in opening a door for our son Noah to follow the Lord's call and study abroad in Switzerland later this summer. As I was thanking Jesus for Noah's willingness to lay things that are important to him down to take this step of faith, I sensed the Lord challenge me:

"Are you still willing to lay everything down and follow me?"

In that moment I responded with a simple "Yes Lord, I'll do whatever you have for me to do" assuming Jesus would see my commitment to Him and then let me move on to the next worship song.

Jesus didn't let me move on to the next worship song. Instead, over the course of the next few months as Rebecca and I talked, prayed together, and sought wisdom from some spiritual leaders in our lives, it became clear that the Lord was calling for us to "lay everything down" and follow Him where He would lead. Through all the prayers and wisdom we have sought for guidance what has become abundantly clear to us is that although we are settled and at peace with what Jesus has us doing here at YWAM Orlando, the Lord is calling us to **"return to Switzerland and live and minister there."**

This has come as a bit of a surprise for us, because this was not in our plans in any way. And yet in it all, we have a confidence and peace in the Lord's leading in our lives. At this point, we think this will happen sometime this coming summer.

Our sense that the door Jesus is opening for our return to Switzerland will be with Youth With A Mission in Wiler, Switzerland. We have served at this YWAM campus before, but of course much has changed since our time there 10 years ago. Our roles are not clarified yet, **but we'll still be going to the nations, training future missionaries and local Swiss people in the areas of Bible study and Biblical worldview, and we'll mobilize, send, and GO with people to the island nation of Cuba to minister there.**

Walking in obedience to the Lord is sometimes hard; yet it is always good. In order to "return to Switzerland" we will be leaving what is comfortable and routine, relationships we have worked to build and love, positions and roles we enjoy, a home we live in, and so many other things. We will need to see a \$1000. increase in regular monthly support, we will need to make new friends, figure out where to live and where Tiffany will go to school, step in to new roles and responsibilities, and in some senses start over in a variety of ways. We covet your prayers and partnership during this season.

We are so fortunate to have you as a vital part of our ministry team, and we are excited about this new season of ministry that the Lord will have all of us together be involved in.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership.

Keep the Faith,



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