



To Our Faithful Friends and Supporters:

Have you ever watched as other ministries or colleagues announce major projects or objectives and you sit back feeling like everything went smoothly for them? Every need was met immediately, seemingly no hiccups were encountered and amazing miracles were announced. It leaves you hoping God does the same thing through your life or ministry, providing an opportunity to brag on His amazing power and provision.

Then, you begin down your own ministry road and feel like you hit every bump possible. Your faith is tested, your patience is strained, and your emotions are frazzled. The same loving Heavenly Father allows two totally different experiences, but the same result. He is the One that will receive praise and pleas, both for overwhelming blessings and the overwhelming needs.

This year, we have watched as God has taken us through such an amazing ministry experience. You may know that Medical Missions Outreach opened the year with a daunting schedule, introductions of new missionary candidates, building plans for our home office, a grand opening of the new surgical center in Central America, new staff, and other lofty dreams. The year began like many others, with phenomenal trips to Peru and the Philippines. Then without warning, our expectations for a year of crowded clinics, heart-filling testimonies, and church growth was brought to a stunning halt due to COVID. You know what it was like. You know how it felt. You know what it did in your life and ministry. For some it brought moments to stretch, reaching for help in uncharted waters. For some it brought moments of despair, seeing hopes dashed and growth stymied. For others it brought moments of awe: God had given them a context that allowed them to march right through unhindered. Yet all of us are still grasping the Savior's hand to lead through this pandemic.

The unwelcome realization postponed trips and deferred dreams were a beautiful gift in disguise: vital time to reflect and pray about necessary changes within our ministry. Our eyes opened to new endeavors that would broaden our reach and effectiveness. We fully embraced this life change as an opportunity to comb through our programs and projects in search of a more refined ministry. We feel it was successful. We are confident that God has directed our paths to be prepared for a new growth in many ways.

One major change I would love to share with you is the relocation of our ministry. Our building project has encountered many obstacles within the Baltimore County permitting process. Frustrating would be a mild description of our experience. As we prayed for God to intervene, we slowly began to realize that the Enemy was not the One firmly closing this door. God's Hand was at work. The grinding halt to the building project was just one obstacle. For quite some time we faced great difficulty recruiting and sustaining missionaries and other staff to join us in Baltimore due to the high cost of living. As we prayed for direction, God began to lead us to relocate our ministry to the Atlanta area. Multiple godly advisors spoke into the situation, including our board of directors. Every one of them agreed that this would be a wonderful opportunity for growth and that the Lord was the One Who was opening this door. An abundance of church partnerships could be forged and other mission ministry partnerships could grow. The cost of living decreases, travel arrangements are easier, cargo/shipping are cost effective, and several

affordable move-in ready office and warehouse options are available! This single change simultaneously solves diverse obstacles and presents a clear path to the future.

We also have a wonderful supporting church that is eagerly awaiting our arrival. Pinecrest Baptist Church in McDonough is eager to minister to our staff and families. We know without a doubt that Pastor John Anderson (former missionary to England for 10 years) is going to inspire us to greater ministry work. His passion for reaching the lost will certainly help fuel what God is already doing. This move would not be possible without a local church relationship; and this is an excellent one.

Our time at Rosedale Baptist Church has been sweet. The focused attention to the expositional preaching of God's Word by Pastor Scott Tewell has helped us dive deep into Scripture; his mentorship and encouragement have blessed us more than we can describe. The people of RBC loved us and welcomed us for seven years like we were family. In fact, we know that their partnership will continue. They will continue to host our eyeglass recycle program, as well as produce the ever-popular children's puppets used to distribute pediatric prescriptions to and elicit smiles from our smallest patients. We are so blessed by their commitment to our ministry!

I write all of this to share what God is doing but also to assure you of a few things. First, we are not changing who we are or what we do. This is a change of address. Doctrinally, we are the same; philosophically, the same; directionally, the same. Please do not believe this to be anything more than that. God is guiding a change of location, nothing more. We humbly ask you to walk by our side throughout this transition. Pray with us through this. As you can imagine, this is a huge transition for our staff and missionaries: selling homes, changing schools, asking spouses to leave a comfort zone. This is a life-altering decision, but we know KNOW this is absolutely the hand of God opening doors for us. We cannot wait to see what He does as a result of walking by faith toward this change.

For now, there is no action to take on your part, except adding this to your prayer time. Our address will remain the same for the foreseeable future. Some of our Baltimore native staff will be able to continue working remotely (another wonderful discovery brought about by COVID) and will be able to receive financial donations and provide receipting. Eyeglass donations will still be received at the Baltimore address as well.

Okay, I am exhaling now. I am so happy to share this news with you and hope that I have walked through the process clearly. In response, I want you to call or text questions. I want you to call or text concerns. I especially want you to call or text encouragement. I need it! There is no doubt that this ministry thrives because of your participation. Your family, your church, you...mean the world to me. I am so thankful for the impact you've had on me personally, my family, and my ministry. I look forward to hearing from you. Keep up the great work you have been called to do; and thank you for ensuring that I can continue mine. I'm blessed to serve alongside you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bradley Edmondson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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