

March 1, 2023

This letter will be the most difficult one to write since we started this journey. For almost 10 years all we have thought about, talked about, and planned for has been the northeast of Brazil. Yet later this month, we will be leaving our beloved ministry and home in Brazil. We have all been fervently praying for Naomi's healing, but God has repeatedly been showing us that these difficulties persist because He has a different road for us to follow. I truly believe that prayer changes things, but sometimes the thing that God is trying to change is us.

We have realized that God is closing the door in Brazil because He has opened another one that He is pushing us towards.

Last July, while we were still on emergency medical furlough, Dr. Scott Caudill, the president of Macedonia World Baptist Missions, reached out to me and told me that God had placed it in his heart to talk with me about joining the leadership at Macedonia, if we could not return to Brazil. I told him that we would pray about it, and we did. But when the doctors gave us the green light to return to Brazil in August, we knew where our hearts were. Unfortunately, even with the treatments Naomi has received here in Brazil, her condition has not improved, and we are out of medical options here in Brazil. Even though we have not wanted to see it, God has made it clear that the next steps in following Him lead us away from here. The church will continue to be in good hands with missionary Wes Palla, who has worked alongside us since the beginning. We prepared a video to explain this transition more thoroughly; you can see it and access much more information by visiting our website at www.pastorplanting.org/transition.

Because the transition involves changing mission agencies, it will be necessary to update the address for our support as well. (Field directors for all independent Baptist mission agencies still must raise their own support.) The new address is:

Macedonia World Baptist Missions #408
PO Box 519
Braselton, GA 30517

We look forward to having the opportunity to explain all of this to you in person once we return. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us — or even our pastor, Macedonia, or BIMi — with any questions you may have. We believe that God is not done with us yet! Thank you for your faithful support and prayers for our family.

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