

MINISTRY UPDATE FROM VICTORIA



"Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!" Psalms 96:3

To Everything There is a Season

In August of 2010 I arrived in the Middle East exhausted from travel but also excited for the year to unfold as I stepped in to ministry. Now, after 16 years, several different ministry roles (both in the US and overseas), and countless stories of God at work, *I have decided to transition out of full-time ministry and move back to the US.*

While this has not been an easy decision (and there have been lots of tears!), the reason is an exciting one: I am moving back to make a long-distant relationship a closer one!

Will and I have known each other for many years, but reconnected last summer when I was in America and have been talking ever since. It has been fun and challenging getting to know each other long distance, and we have reached a point where we really need to be in the same place in order to move forward in our relationship. I will initially be landing in Reno, Nevada, where my family lives, while Will is moving to California for his work in the military. There are still a lot of details to work out, so please keep us in your prayers. This transition is bittersweet: full of grief as I say goodbye to dear friends and a place I love, yet also full of excitement as I look forward to what God has for us in this relationship!



**From 2010...
to now!**

The work of the gospel here in the Middle East is ongoing, and will continue until Jesus returns. To be honest, this is one of the most difficult parts of leaving for me—leaving things “unfinished.” Yet I trust that God will continue to build his Church. It has been an enormous privilege for me to play a small part in this, and I am so grateful for the many, many ways that *you* also have been a part of fulfilling the Great Commission in this country.

Though my time here is wrapping up, ***Would you consider continuing your spiritual investment in this country by transferring your prayer and financial support to the ongoing ministry here?***

My recommendation for how to do this (and the way that I myself will be doing it) is by joining the ministry team of Lighthouse Church. The Lighthouse Church are faithful ministers of the gospel in this city, and your partnership with them will continue the ministry of gospel proclamation and discipleship in this city.


I am happy to answer any questions you might have! I would also love to introduce you. They are an incredible couple and some of my dearest friends. Please contact me to discuss further.

If you are currently a monthly financial giver, please continue your giving to my account **through the end of May**, at which point I will be transitioning out of Sheltering Wings. To end your giving, or if you would like to transfer your giving to Lighthouse Church, you can email Austin in the Sheltering Wings office at austin.dunaway@sheltering-wings.org.

Lastly, if you would like to give a special gift to help with my moving expenses, that would be a great blessing to me! You can do so via Sheltering Wings by check or at sheltering-wings.org/missionary/vgd

As I mentioned before, this is a bittersweet season for me, so I would really value your prayers in the coming months of transition! Though my monthly prayer letters will be stopping this summer, please save my email and stay in touch. I am honored by your friendship and partnership in the gospel over these many years, and I want to say THANK YOU for everything! Words are not enough to describe my appreciation. May God bless you richly as you walk faithfully with him!

In Christ,



Giving Changes:

Contact austin.dunaway@sheltering-wings.org at the Sheltering Wings office.

- You can continue your monthly giving to my Sheltering Wings account through the end of May. If you would like to make a special gift to help with my moving expenses, that would be a blessing!
- Would you consider transferring your monthly support to my friends and coworkers, Pastor Ali and Kaylee Öztürk, also at Sheltering Wings? I would love to introduce you!

Prayers and Praises

- **Praise God for these past 16 years of ministry! I have had the privilege of witnessing God's power first hand in many ways.**
- **Pray for me as I walk through this very big transition back to the US and out of full-time ministry.**
- **Pray for my team here as we navigate grief and also the practical transition elements of my leaving.**
- **Pray for my relationship with Will as we look ahead to the future together!**