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Dear *friends*

As I pray for you this morning, I feel it is time to share some personal thoughts. But before that, here's a brief **update on our activities.**

We returned from a visit with Nathan & his girlfriend in Kansas City just in time for the Circuit Riders traveling team to come visit Haven House to lead 40+ students in worship, prayer, and the Word of God. Two students, Fabian & Alyssa, have moved in. They're both inviting friends and filling the house with laughter and joy. Becca & Mike closed on their house in Somers Point. They're both busily working to make it their home.

**Happy February.** In much of the country, it's become the month of ice and snow. Despite our attempts to shovel our driveway, the rains came, and it froze into an ice rink. We've had to cancel our gatherings for the past two weeks.

Instead of our typical Monday Table Fellowship gathering, I gave a teaching on Zoom. At noon, I taught a group of African and Asian leaders on Zoom. I'm also teaching at the Passion for Christ Student Fellowship on Spirit-led listening prayer, and the gifts of discernment and words of knowledge.

Mary and I have become Marriage Mentors with SYMBIS, and we hosted a table at a marriage workshop on Saturday. We currently mentor three couples. Mary and I are working so well together, I can't wait to see what's next.

**That leads to the personal note:** During the marriage workshop, Mary and I were asked how we handle conflict. We were both baffled at first, but then we realized we had some unprocessed challenges. We don't argue about them; instead, we pray.

What is the challenge, you ask? It's faith. Both of us have embarked on a journey of faith. It sometimes feels like we

have paddled out onto an ocean and we have no idea where we will land.

In Genesis chapter 12, God calls Abram to "Go from your country... to the land that I will show you." Abram did not know where God was leading, but he launched off in obedience. For us, it's not just this current project at Haven House, which is a huge, but will this become a Christian Study Center in the Stockton University community? It's not up to us. We're just obeying what God asked us to do.

Our missionary journey of faith began long before Haven House. Sometimes the thought of the vastness of the "ocean with no sight of land" has caused fearfulness. That's when we turn to each other and pray. Thankfully, we don't have conflict; we have unresolved questions.

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When Mary and I look at each other and the vast ocean of uncertainty, we wonder: Will we have our own home again? Will we be near our grandchildren? Will we have what we need in our old age? Will the vision of a Church obedient to the Great Commission and engaged in the University

happen in our lifetime? I guess Abraham had hopes and unresolved questions too.

"By faith, Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going." (Heb 11:8) Abraham, Issac, and Jacob were "looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God." (Heb. 11:10)

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John & Mary

*Mary*

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