

Dear Supporting Churches and Praying Friends,

When we began our scheduled furlough this last year, we fully expected to return to our home in Waspam, Nicaragua a few months later, despite the ongoing unrest in the country. As time passed, it became clear that the Lord had other plans. In fact, we felt the Lord direct us to close up our house and ministry there shortly after. We thank the Lord for Pastor Wilfredo and our other Miskito brothers and sisters in Christ who are continuing to minister there.

Our next thought was that the Lord would be sending us to a new field. We prayed and sought counsel as we waited for the Lord to direct us to a new people. An opportunity arose to visit Puerto Lempira, Honduras, which is an area consisting also of predominantly Miskito people. Dawn and I took a one-week survey trip to this area expecting that God may direct us there. Near the end of the trip, it was clear to us that He was not. We returned to the Lord's feet asking for His direction.

That was when we realized that the Lord had already been working behind the scenes. As we were seeking our next step, we had moved into a relative's home in Oklahoma that was made available to us. Once there, we began attending a small independent Baptist Church. The Pastor's six-year-old daughter has been fighting cancer for the last three and a half years. The family often has to travel and stay over two hours away in a medical facility for treatments for up to two weeks at a time. In our short time here, her life has been in the balance multiple times. Please pray for a miracle in Ashlyn's life. I say all this to say that the Lord has had us here for this time. As I prayed for God to lead us, He answered that He had and that He has us here at this church for this time. I have been privileged to fill the pulpit when the pastor has had to be at his daughter's treatments.

We don't know exactly what the Lord is doing and have a lot of questions, but are confident that He is not sending our family to another foreign field at this time. We still have a desire to be in missions and would head to any field God would send us, but for now we will serve where we are until led otherwise. We cannot express how thankful we are for your faithful prayer, support, and participation in the ministry in Waspam, Nicaragua! The Lord is working and I receive regular good reports from there, including a recent large baptism service. You partnered with us and added fruit to your account.

As we do not sense the Lord leading us to another field at this time, I would ask that you **suspend our missions support effective immediately**. If the Lord would lead us to a new field in the future, I will gladly contact each of you again as you have been such faithful co-laborers. We plan to continue serving in this church in Oklahoma, filling the pulpit as needed, and seeing what God is going to do. Please pray for us in this transition as well. We really have no idea how the Lord is going to lead us or provide for us, but are confident that He will. To God be the glory for all that He does!

Thank you again for all you have done. I have tried to lay our situation out as clearly and briefly as possible, but please email or call if you have any questions.

Your Fellow laborer,

Brent Hawley