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THE DRAKE ADVENTURE

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Dear Friends,

As I (Faith) sit here, less than 72 hours away from driving away from a home I've come to know and love over the last (almost) 14 years, I'm flooded with emotions. So many good times, so many hard times, so many lessons learned, so many victories God has allowed. People saved, people fallen away. Friendships grown. Prayers answered. Hearts broken. Children growing up. Adam and I growing up. Words can't express it all, but I do know one resounding feeling amidst the sadness-gratitude. So grateful that God brought us here. In 2007, 18 years ago, we said yes to go to a city we had never heard of before. And here we are now, calling it home. Except it won't be home anymore. We have known for quite a while now that God was moving us in a different direction. We didn't know what that would look like, but in His graciousness, He has made the transition an "easy" one. We get to keep the relationships, that we spent years making, alive since we will only be moving to another city. Granted, that city is 8 hours away, but it will be worth the trip several times a year to come back and visit.

Home Sweet Home no more!!



We are excited about the prospect of a new ministry, one that seems tailor made for us. But that doesn't remove the pain in our hearts as we say goodbye to the people we've come to know and love. We had a beautiful send off from our Hope Radio family last month that filled our hearts to overflowing- overflowing out of our eyes as I couldn't stop crying the whole time (mostly out of joy and gratitude for what God has done over the years at Hope Radio).

9 years ago, God allowed us to build a house in Mango. We called it our dream home. We prayed that God would use our house for His purposes, that it would be a welcome and refreshing place for visitors. I think He answered that prayer. And now, as I stare at the blank walls and hear the echoes I am praising Him for continuing to answer that prayer even after we are gone. The Bible Institute of the Savannah that was started a couple of years ago has bought our property and will make the necessary adaptations to make it

Saying goodbye to our church ladies



suitable for the classroom(s) that it needs. I am so happy to know that a place that has brought us so much joy over the years and has truly been our sanctuary will continue to be that for so many people. A place where they can come and study God's word in a library equipped with French books to help them prepare sermons and Bible studies. A place where they can grow in their faith and knowledge of the Lord. A place for discipleship and training. I pray it will be a refuge from the spiritual battle in this difficult city.

Please pray for the renovations/construction that will be happening in the next month or two, for the trainers and teachers to find good study times and feel filled up themselves in order to pour out to the listeners, and for God to grant understanding and wisdom to the students to soak up what they are hearing and then pass it along to others. Adam will still be involved in the Bible Institute as a teacher at least once a year. He is already scheduled to come back in October for a weeklong module.

Pray also for us as we look forward to what God has for us in the future. We don't know all the details of our future ministry, God hasn't given us the full picture yet, but we know enough to have peace about how He is leading. I recently did a book study with a friend and saw anew Ecclesiastes 7:13-14. I like to know the plan, I want to know the plan for today, next week, and next year, even 5 yrs down the road. I picture myself looking out at one of those long straight roads they have out west. I like to see where I'm going. But Ecclesiastes blows that picture out of the water. It says that I don't get to make straight what God has made crooked.....so that I may not find out anything that may come later. God doesn't want me to see the straight road, then I wouldn't need to lean on Him. He has made our road with twists and turns and sharp curves that we can see around. And that's ok. He sees around the curves, I can rest in His sovereignty and enjoy the journey.

Praising the Lord for many things, but God has provided through one of our churches a van for us to use during our furlough! Huge answer to prayer! And OC is going to Liberty University and received some great scholarships to help cover the cost. We have truly seen God's hand in all these steps. Thank you for your prayers and support. We have a lot support to raise and a lot of you to report to and share what God has done. Feel free to reach out to us!

In His Service,

Adam, Faith, Oceane, Celeste, August, and Nico



IBS class picture April 2023



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