

West Indies Field Director & Deputation Director



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It is hard to believe that we are already heading into the fall of 2023. This year has brought so many changes for our family. However, even though this year has been one of the more difficult years for us, we continue to see God's hand at work.

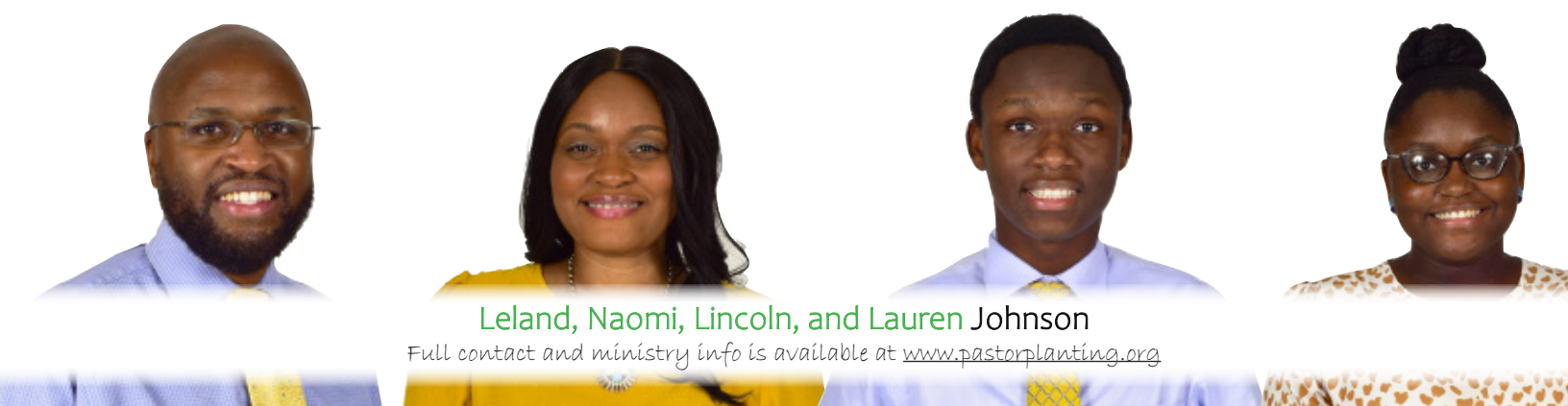
New Missionaries - One of the highlights of the past few weeks was my first opportunity, as the director of deputation, to lead the two-day orientation for three new families that are starting out on deputation. It was such an honor to help missionaries who are sitting where we sat almost 10 years ago when God called us to Brazil. It was easy to recognize the same uncertainty we felt when we were in their shoes and to be able to assure them that God will be with them every step of the way and so will we. Even though Naomi was not able to be present, she was able to do a virtual session with the ladies to help them through deputation related issues that are particular to them. Since no one has been in my role for a long time, much of the deputation information has become outdated, and I have been asked to completely revamp it. Although this will be challenging, is essential for the 12 families we have on deputation and future missionaries. Please pray that God will give wisdom!

Our website has been completely redesigned and updated to better communicate our mission! Take a look!

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Hurricane season - If you do not live in Florida, the Gulf coast, or the Eastern Seaboard, then it is likely that hurricane season is just a blip on your radar. That is how it was for us for many years as well. However, when God expanded our ministry to include all of the 44 million people who live on the islands in the Caribbean, hurricane season takes on new importance. In just a few months as the field director, we already know pastors and missionaries in almost half of the countries/territories. This means that no matter what path a hurricane takes, our missionaries or new pastor friends are in harm's way. So, would you make it a personal point of emphasis this year that when you see a new hurricane being named, to stop and pray for our family and ministry? Specifically, pray that God would work through us to see more missionaries called to reach this area.

Thank you for your continued prayers for Naomi. She has been experiencing some shoulder and arm pain the past few weeks, which had not been an issue for over a year now. However, she has also been seeing a little bit of improvement in her heart rate and a slight reduction of the pain in her legs and feet. God is still working !



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