

West Indies Field Director & Deputation Director



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Happy New Year to you all! We are so thankful to have had the opportunity for some downtime over the holidays, and we are ready to hit the ground running for 2026.

Exciting Announcement

We are incredibly excited about the new doors God has opened for us to expand our impact in reaching the world with the Gospel. As you may recall from our previous letters, we have shared a lot about the growth of Missions21. In the past two years, it has grown from supporting roughly 70 missionaries to over 200. We had been praying that God would at least double that number in 2026, but apparently, God's vision was much larger than ours!

Currently, there are two main services that independent Baptist missionaries use to connect with churches. Ours is Missions21, and the other is IFBMT (Independent Fundamental Baptist Missionary Trails). While Missions21 makes missionary information available to pastors, IFBMT makes church information available to missionaries. They are different sides of the same coin, and both are necessary for missionaries to reach the field. IFBMT was started by Anthony Master, has been around longer than Missions21, and serves more than 900 missionaries.

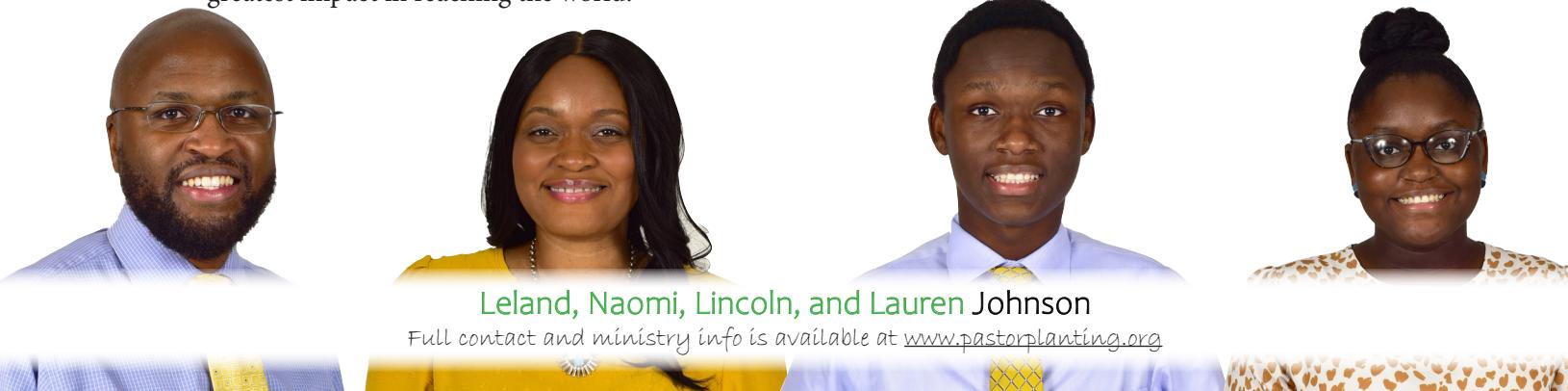
Through a series of events that only God could orchestrate, He allowed our paths to cross. God knit our hearts together with a singular vision: not just to provide better resources for missionaries, pastors, and churches, but to provide them at no cost. We are currently working through many logistics; however, in a matter of weeks—not years—God has expanded our impact from helping a few hundred missionaries to over 1,000.

As a result, our workload has increased tremendously. While our time was already at a premium, we couldn't ignore this door that God so obviously opened. Please pray that God gives us wisdom as we navigate this process.

Schedule

Tomorrow, we head to Macedonia for orientation with three new missionary families! We look forward to spending several days helping them prepare for deputation and the fields where God has called them. We also officially started our Spring meeting schedule this past Sunday. We will be traveling and preaching every week from now through the middle of May.

Yes, the schedule is full and there is a lot going on, but we know that being about the Father's business requires being busy. Please continue to pray for us as we travel and minister, and as we gain clarity on these exciting developments and make decisions on how to best allocate our time for the greatest impact in reaching the world!



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