

# West Indies Field Director & Deputation Director



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We are so excited for our spring schedule to finally be drawing to a close. We knew it would be a busy season, and God has blessed tremendously with opportunities to preach 4 missions conferences, 15 single-day missions emphasis meetings, and 2 church workshops. We have one more two-week trip starting next week, taking us to Arkansas and Texas before things slow down at the end of May.

## Answering the Call

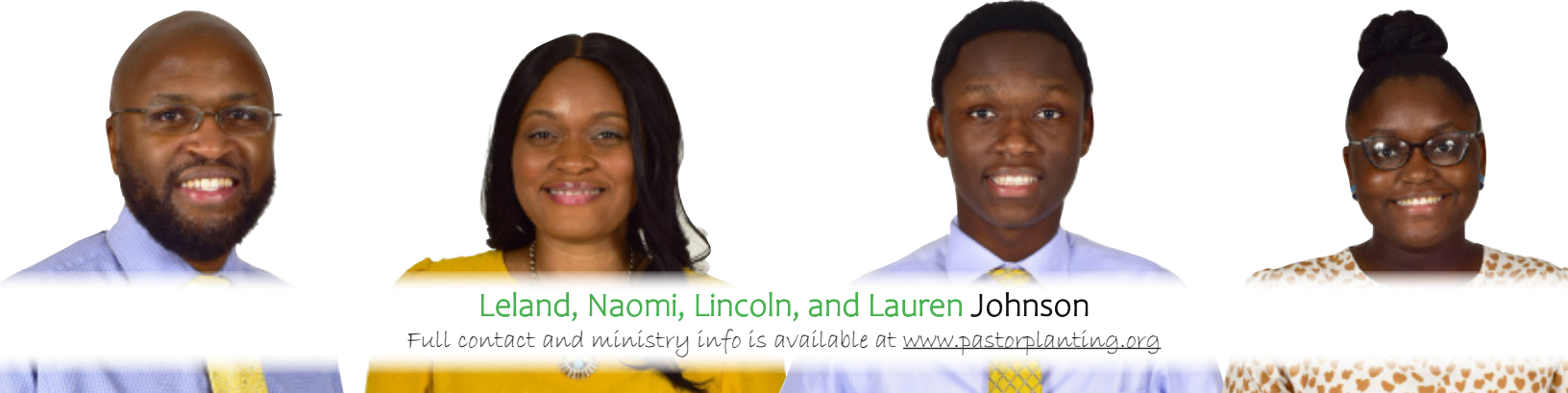
Yesterday, we finished our second new missionary orientation of the spring with three families. Jonathan and Kasey Head (South Dakota), Noah and Ayrel Absher (Southeast Asia), and Isai and Hope Vasquez (Peru) are proof that God is still answering prayers to send laborers into His harvest. These wonderful families are now raising support to get to where God has called them and could use your help. That takes the total number of missionaries we are working with on deputation to thirteen.

## The Power of the Gospel

Not only is God calling missionaries, but He is also still saving souls! We have seen several decisions for Christ lately, but one stands out. While doing door-to-door visitation in Memphis, the people were very friendly, and we had the opportunity to share the Gospel several times. One lady listened attentively but was not ready to receive Christ at that moment. However, she promised to come to church the next day. While many others promised the same, she actually showed up! God used the preaching regarding reaching the world to convince her of her personal need, and she walked the aisle to receive Christ as Savior. Many say that door-to-door does not work anymore; I don't know, but I am convinced that when we share the Gospel, God saves souls!

## Fruit That May Abound

While travel slows for the summer, our ministry work will not. Since returning from Brazil due to Naomi's health, we are keenly aware that every dollar invested in us could be used to support a church-planting missionary elsewhere. For that reason, one of our goal verses is 1 Corinthians 15:10, where Paul recognized that he was the least of all the apostles and therefore "laboured more abundantly than they all." Our goal is to have the greatest impact possible so that every missions dollar invested in us results in "fruit that may abound to your account." God has opened the doors to expand our impact for world missions, and we are excited to share that information soon.



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