



January 20, 2023

Dear Pastor,

I cannot begin to express my joy over what God has done in the life and ministry of Dr. Leland Johnson and his family. From the moment he sat in my office to share the burden God had laid on his heart for Brazil until this very day, he has represented God, Crossroads Baptist Church and BIMi in exemplary fashion.

Having finished deputation in a fraction of the normal time, they have spent time on the field establishing a solid work and training others alongside them. As his pastor, it is refreshing how accountable, teachable and loyal he is and has been the entire time. At every move, ministerial or not -- he has sought counsel and demonstrated a submissive spirit, despite the fact that he was a seasoned pastor before becoming a missionary.

His wife Naomi's health has been a challenge since she got Covid. We have prayed earnestly for her healing and stood with them as they have exhausted every option to improve her condition and quality of life. When they returned home on an emergency furlough, they made multiple attempts to find effective treatment -- all while longing to get back to Brazil. Unfortunately, upon returning, it has still been a struggle, and she has not gotten better. I cannot imagine trying to pastor without my wife's ability to be involved. Unthinkable.

Amidst all of this, the opportunity to become a field director for Macedonia World Baptist Missions presented itself out of nowhere. Leland was not looking for it. It found him. Dr. Scott Caudill is a personal friend, whom I respect very immensely. This directorship that he has offered is clearly of God. This process has been handled scripturally, ethically and thoughtfully. The timing, location, job description and availability -- it is ALL a God thing!

I wholeheartedly support this move. Allowing Bro. Johnson to still be involved in missions while enabling his wife to work with him is ideal. Only God could have opened this door for such a time as this.

Thank you for your faithful support over the years. Would you pray for the Leland Johnson family and prayerfully consider continuing your support as he transitions to field director at MWBM? It will be a worthy investment of your missions dollars. In my opinion, he will have an even greater impact for world evangelization now than ever before.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly should you have any questions. I genuinely appreciate your attention to this matter. The best is yet to come. To God be ALL the glory!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kenny Baldwin
Senior Pastor, Crossroads Baptist Church

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