

Dear Pastors, Churches, and Friends,

And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore. - Joshua 3:3-4

For ye have not passed this way heretofore. When we first began deputation, this portion of Scripture took on a whole new meaning. We were in a different place, beginning a new life we had never imagined. More than ever, we realized the importance of keeping our eyes on our Savior and following His lead. This was new territory for us, but not for Him.

Now, more than two years into deputation, we cling to the importance of looking unto Jesus, but our Scripture focus has changed a bit. In keeping with the wilderness wanderings theme, our daily motto has become a phrase taken from Exodus 23:30: *by little and little*.

Little by little, we're gaining our financial support to get to Wales.

Little by little, we're making new friends and finding new prayer partners.

Little by little, God is preparing us for the field to which He has called us.

Little by little.

As we close in on the end of another year (particularly "this" year), I'm reminded of the chorus to an old song, "It's been a long journey, but I have been blessed." Yes, friends, we have been blessed. This year has been unlike any other, but one thing remained the same—God was faithful.

This year, we were able to sell our home, purchase our motorhome, and travel the country full-time. We've been in countless churches, made many friends, and had the privilege of sharing our burden for Wales to congregations all across the United States. We've seen God grow our support to 53% and watched Him provide for us time and time again. Progress may be slower than we had hoped, but we know God has a plan, and we're trusting Him to get us to Wales at the right time. In the meantime, we'll sing praises to Him as we travel along little by little.

We want to thank each of you for your love, prayers, and faithful support. We also thank you for the letters, emails, and special gifts we've received along the way. Y'all are such a blessing! Words just cannot describe the impact you've had on our lives.

We're excited to spend a couple of weeks at home for the Christmas holidays. It will be a joy to see friends and family and to attend our church for a few services. Shortly after Christmas, we'll hit the road again, Lord willing, and head toward the Pacific Northwest. As always, we covet your prayers for strength and traveling mercies.

We pray you have a wonderful Christmas and that you will enjoy some time with family and friends as we reflect upon the reason for the season. God bless, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

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