



THE HECTOR FAMILY MISSIONARIES TO GUATEMALA



Thomas, Elizabeth, Charles, and Oliver

Dear Pastors, Partnering Churches and Praying Friends,

I want to start this letter by saying thank you for your faithful prayers and support. The month of December was a very busy month for us with doctor appointments and serving in our home church. My wife has been able to serve in the nursery and has rejoined the choir. She even had the privilege to sing in the choir cantata on the 17th of December. This brought another blessing. A woman my wife had been inviting came to church and brought her five kids, as well as her husband. The woman's name is Megan. Please pray that she and her family would continue to come back as they said they definitely want to return. Please pray earnestly for their salvation. I also had the opportunity to witness to a man named Randy that I went to high school with. He had a profession of faith, of getting saved in prison. Please pray that he would start coming to our home church.

This letter also comes with a heavy and broken heart. Because of the damage done to my lungs from the different viruses I caught in Guatemala, as well as other issues caused by the viruses, I have been told by three doctors not to return. I tried to deny this in my mind, praying for the best. Yet, due to having quite a few medications that have caused anaphylaxis reactions, including the only medications used to treat lung disease, has left me with limited options. Our youngest son Oliver still has issues as well with his lungs. He has been on a steroid inhaler for four months and will continue on it until the doctor says otherwise. They believe he will have lifelong asthma caused by the virus. This is why I write this letter with a heavy and broken heart. Prayerfully, and under counsel from our pastor and our doctors, we believe that God is shutting the door for us in Guatemala. This for us has been difficult. We have sold our house, our car, and all of our possessions, except for a few totes of things, to follow the will of God. We know that these health conditions have crossed the desk of God and has His stamp of approval. So, we believe God is using this to move us back to America, by shutting the door for Guatemala. We also choose to trust Him through this, knowing that His way is always best. It reminds me of *Psalm 37:2,3 "The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD; And he delighteth in his way."*

Please know that while we were in Guatemala, we were very busy with the Lord's work. My wife worked nursery every week; I was faithfully soul winning with Brother Wilder; we were doing language school Monday-Saturday and serving any and every way we could. We loved our time there, and our hearts break that we cannot return.

We ask your continued prayers for the days ahead, for physical recovery, and for guidance. We refuse to quit and know that God still has a purpose for us in full time ministry. I will not allow His call on my life to preach and serve in full time ministry to die. We will follow him, to wherever He leads us, whether that is into a pastorate, assistant, or evangelism. In the mean-time, we will be doing all we can to serve the Lord at our sending church. I have started soul winning with our pastor on Wednesdays, and my wife and I will be starting the Bloomington, IL bus route back up.

I want to again emphasize how grateful we are for each and every one of you that have prayed and have given so we could be a faithful witness in Guatemala. Your giving wasn't in vain, as we were able to see a young man saved and able to witness to so many others. Please know how sorry and broken we are over this. Please know this is not something we wanted and that we sold all to follow Him. We will continue to follow Him in the days ahead, and ask that you would pray that God would open the right doors and give us wisdom and clarity for the next steps to take.

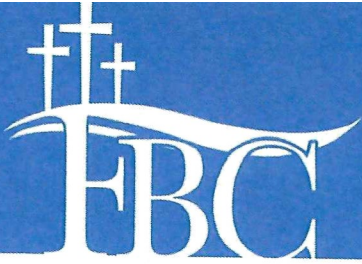
For any questions, please contact our Pastor, Pastor Jonathan Roberson at 217-791-7848.

God bless you.
In the service of King Jesus,
Thomas Kyall Hector, Jr.
Psalms 126:5-6

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January 2, 2024

Dear Pastor,

I trust you are doing well and enjoying the blessings of our Lord. God is always only good and I praise the Lord for His abundant provision.

I am writing to thank you for supporting the Hector family, our missionaries to Guatemala. Brother Thomas and Mrs. Elizabeth have been faithful in their service to the Lord. As you have heard, after arriving to the field, the Hector's began to experience many different health complications. Some of these health complications were severe and life threatening especially to their sons, Charles and Oliver. In October, we felt it was best for the Hector's to return home to America to receive the medical treatment they needed. Once they arrived home, the boys began to recover, but Brother Thomas continued to worsen. He has tried multiple treatments, but none of the treatments have been able to offer a long term solution. After much prayer and counsel, we believe it is best for the Hector's to resign from missionary service in Guatemala. I can assure you this decision was not made in haste and only after much prayer. The Hector's have counseled with me throughout this entire process.

As you can imagine, this is a difficult decision to make. The Hector's entire life is in Guatemala. They had sold all of their belongings in America and started their life on the field the Lord had called them to. This was not in their plan. We do not completely understand why the Lord would end their time on the field this soon and in this way, but we are trusting Him.

There is much the Hector's have yet to do. The belongings they do have are still in Guatemala, they have a home and a vehicle that still needs cared for, as well as transitioning back to life in America. With that being said, I am asking that you and your church prayerfully consider supporting the Hector's for three months during this transition time. If you are unable to continue the Hector's support, we understand and you have more than fulfilled your commitment to them. Thank you for loving our missionaries and partnering with them in this endeavor. First Baptist Church will continue to support them during this transition. I can assure you the Hector's have stayed busy in our church since being home and any financial gift you send will be a blessing to them.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly on my cell at 217.791.7848.

Kind Regards,


Jonathan Roberson, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Clinton, Illinois



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in reaching the world with the Gospel**

January 4, 2024

Re: Thomas and Elizabeth Hector

Dear Pastor and Friends:

I am writing this letter to let you know that Brother and Sister Hector have resigned as missionaries from Macedonia World Baptist Missions.

Due to ongoing health concerns for Brother Thomas, they felt it best to resign at this time and seek the medical help that he needs. This was not an easy decision for the Hectors to make. We are praying that the Lord will use them for His glory as they continue to serve Christ in the future. Please take time to read his prayer letter and his Pastor's letter. They can best explain the situation.

Macedonia will continue receiving support for the Hectors until March 31, 2024. After that time, any support sent here will be returned to you.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us, or call Brother Hector directly. I am certain he will be glad to answer any questions you might have.

Yours for Souls,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jason M. Hamby". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jason M. Hamby
Assistant Director
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