



THE SMITH FAMILY

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South American Field Director

For the non-Spanish speaking countries



4th Quarter (October – December)

Dear Friends,

I want to begin this first official letter by thanking God for what He has done. Our journey officially began with the executive board voting us in as a Director on August 17. Not many people knew that just the week before the board met, I was unemployed. At this point, I did not know if I would even be accepted or not with Macedonia World Baptist Missions. I just had to put faith in God. I just relied on an example we find in John 6:6, "And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do." God ALWAYS does what is best. I have watched God provide for others and our family, time and time again.

I will not lie and say that it has been easy, but God has been FAITHFUL! Since then, we have been in 7 conferences/meetings and 4 regular church services presenting our ministry and singing/preaching. Two local pastors near our home have had us fill in during their absence as well. I don't have time to tell all the wonderful examples of how God has met our needs. In all cases, either the churches have been generous with their love offerings, or an individual in that church has either written us a personal check or has given us the known "padded" handshake. My wife and I even experienced needs met by one of our neighbors! He said he did not know why, but he felt led to come over and give us a generous donation... not even knowing of our situation and ministry. God sure has been good! GLORY!

For the time being, I found a job and have been working on 3rd shift to help "the ends meet." I have only been there for 2 months but have already been approached for an opportunity to become a manager. This would be a great help financially as well. Pray for the Lord's will in this matter. I have already had an interview but am now waiting on their final decision.

At the time of writing this letter, 6 churches voted to support us monthly, one has given us a one-time donation (\$900), and one other has stated they would be voting to take us on soon. Meetings have already started to stack up for next year, and for that we are thankful! Pray that God will continue to open doors for us and that in His time, we can begin working full-time as the Director (we would love to by the end of next year)! I hope each of you had a Merry Christmas and a great New Year! He is the greatest gift and story ever told!

"In His Grip!"

Bro. Jonathan Smith
Isaiah 41:13

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Will you send? Will you go? Or will you disobey?