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Dear Friends,

April already? It seems that I just wrote our end-of-year letter for 2025… how time flies! About mid-February our schedule picked up, and it has not let up since. It has been a privilege to present our ministry, sing, and preach at many churches and their mission conferences. I am also thankful for the very generous love offerings and "padded handshakes" along the way. The Lord knows exactly how and when to meet our needs. I am excited to state that a few more churches have taken us on for support also since the first of the year. **It is an honor to be an extension of these churches and their mission programs.**

Our plan is still underway. I will not be extending my contract with the State of South Carolina at the end of May. By faith, I am "pulling the plug" on my full-time employment and assuming my full-time responsibilities as South American Director for Brazil, Guyana, Suriname, & French Guiana. I will only work side-jobs to supplement my income until I get to the status of not needing to do so. This will keep my schedule open to support our missionaries and the home office and enable me to visit churches at any location/time. Will you pray with us, that more churches will partner with us financially? **Another 15-20 churches will put my family where it needs to be as far as personal support.** Then, any support beyond that will go into the ministry of the missionaries, the national pastors, projects, and, of course, covering my travel expenses. God has proven Himself for 2 ½ years, so I know He will continue to do so.

As you pray, please pray for our churches in the United States. As I travel, I am seeing/hearing the burden of the pastors. Many have "not missed a beat" regarding their missions program. Some are thriving and growing their Faith Promise program. Others are trying to maintain their current program while having faith that they will be able to grow in the future. I know even our home church has been graciously blessed yet still is feeling the pressure economically that everyone else is feeling. **I know this… God will continue to "pay for what He ordered."** Help me pray that all of us will maintain and practice the faith in Faith Promise giving.

Lastly, pray for our Reach South America team, the national pastors, and for laborers for the harvest. I pray the Lord will not only call men and families into the ministry, but specifically to Brazil, Guyana, Suriname, & French Guiana. God is calling… just are people listening? Are people entangled in the affairs of this life? Or will we surrender everything to His will? I believe our time is short… let us be busy about the Father's business!

"In His Grip"

Bro. Jonathan Smith
Isaiah 41:13

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