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Dear Friends,

Welcome to 2026! Welcome to our newly formatted letterhead also! (Going forward we will send our letters every two months) I am excited about all that has taken place in the last year. It was our best time on deputation, and I am thankful for the churches that allowed us to come and present our ministry. **The year came with "ups and downs," but through it all, God was faithful!** I am thankful that despite my very serious surgery, requiring a few weeks off work and being off the road, God has met every need. Sometimes it was an unexpected check in the mail, a padded handshake, etc. Each time it was exactly what we needed for that specific week! Only God can meet needs like that. I am also thankful for the peace in my heart through each situation… there is nothing better than knowing that I am "In His Grip" and in the middle of His will.

Deputation Updates

The plan is still on "pulling the plug" on my full-time job with the school district at the end of May. **By faith, I am planning on being full-time by this summer.** Please help us pray that the Lord will continue to open doors to present our ministry. I have booked many meetings over the past couple of days. I am confident that if the schedule continues to grow at the same pace, that the support level will be where it needs to be by summer. I received a phone call in the last 24 hours from one of our supporting churches that they will be helping cover the cost for the family's passport/visas. Amen!

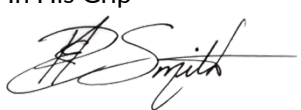
Field Updates

Dad and mom have arrived safely back from Brazil while filling in for the Lima family. The Limas were able to raise an extra 25% of their support which we praise God for. They are back in Brazil after their 6-month furlough. Please still consider supporting them as they still need more support. The Allen family are still in the States on furlough for another few months. Pray for their safety as they travel. Lastly, pray for the Muscott family. Blake is back in the States with his family while they await the birth of the newest family member. He was able to get a lot accomplished while in Guyana. They will head back after their baby is born. Pray for the finalization of the national church's paperwork so they can acquire/finalize their visas. Pray for the safety of those in Guyana and Brazil as there are a lot of Venezuelans living there. There is no danger now, but time will reveal the future state of these South American countries. **Pray that God will continue to work and that freedom of religion will continue in South America.**

Prayer Request/Needs

I will be traveling to Brazil at the end of July, by faith, for the initiation of going full-time. My parents, Dr. Caudill and Mrs. Cassie, Bro. Clay Collins (my pastor), and my wife Heather will be there also. **My prayer is that I can take the whole family, but the Lord will have to provide the financial needs for the trip.** Prices of the tickets have fluctuated from $8,500 to $15,000 for the family. Will you consider helping in this matter? My prayer is that we can get them at the lower price. I need to purchase these no later than the end of March. Please pray for everything to fall into place! Thank you for your prayers, financial support, and donations so far. God has been very good to us!

"In His Grip"



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