



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

June 2, 2024

First, we want to say thank you for faithfully praying for and supporting our family over the past 17 years. What a privilege it has been to serve the Lord alongside of you and witness what great things the Lord has done.

Our ministry has taken some unexpected turns as God has directed our steps over the years. Thank you for standing with us and holding the ropes each step of the way. While they may have not been what we expected, we have seen God work in each step and do great things in and through people's lives around the world.

God called us to the nation of Kiribati, a nation that did not have a Gospel preaching church of any kind. We expected to spend the rest of our lives there. Then, in the wake of covid when we were unable to return to Kiribati, God led us to Montana to assist Temple Baptist Church as they began The Passage Northwest. Their heart for evangelism and church planting in this underreached region of our nation knit our hearts together to see this work started. We never imagined God would keep us here this long, but we are grateful for all God has done and the work He has begun here. Now, once again He is directing our steps in another direction as we are still unable to return to Kiribati, and He has shown us our time here at The Passage Northwest has come to an end. While we are not stepping away from ministry or the Lord's work in anyway, God has confirmed that our role in His work is changing. While this decision has brought many emotions, we are confident in the Lord's leading and that His ways are far above our own. Missions is our heart, reaching the world with the Gospel is a command, and we will seek to be a part of reaching the world with the Gospel until His return.

As of May 31st, 2025, we have resigned from our position with BIML. We will continue to serve the Lord here at The Passage Northwest through the Summer 2025 Camp Season. Following camp, I believe that God would have me to pastor here in America while continuing to be actively involved in missions and church planting around the world. The ministry in Kiribati will still play a vital role in our ministry as we seek to assist and help them.

Tarawa Baptist Church is pressing forward for the Lord. Pastor Abwai is serving the Lord faithfully as he is seeking to reach His own people with the Gospel of Christ. Thank you for being a part of establishing this lighthouse in this once unreached nation. We look forward to the day you will meet them in Heaven. The church in Kiribati is still in need of encouragement, resources, and care due to their remote location and lack of fellowship. We will continue to play this role in the ministry there and are confident that what God has begun, He will perform until He returns. (Phil 1:6)

Please pray for our family as we make this transition in ministry. You have faithfully walked beside us for 17 years and this is the only ministry we have ever known. We need your prayer as we navigate through the next few months and follow the Lord. Our children also need your prayer as they make the necessary changes that God is



asking of our family. Thank you for your continued prayer for Bennett. While he has improved over the past year, he still lives with constant pain. We are grateful for the Lord's grace in helping him to learn to function through the pain. Doctors believe he has 4 different migraine disorders overlapping each other caused by some type of inflammation in his body. However, they don't know the cause. Although the doctors say he may live with this throughout his life, we are trusting that the Great Physician will heal his body. Thank you for praying with us on this journey. Please do continue to pray for the Lord's healing.

Also, please continue to pray for the work both in Kiribati and here in the Northwest to continue strong for the Lord's glory. If any of you would like to continue supporting the ministry in Kiribati. That is possible through our sending church, Community Baptist Church in Curwensville, Pennsylvania. You have been a part of what God has begun there and if you would like to continue to be a part, I would love to talk with you about how that is possible. My phone number is (931) 709-3304.

Words on a paper do not adequately express the gratitude in our hearts for your faithfulness to pray and care for our family over the past 17 years. Thank you for serving alongside of us both here and beyond. It has been the joy of our lives to serve with you to take the Gospel to those who may have never heard.

Serving Christ Together,

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