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Dear Pastors, Churches, and Ministry Friends,

After serving as missionaries to Mexico for 24 years, the Lord has led me to a change in our ministry. Due to the restrictions that have been in place on the border, the last eighteen months have been frustrating, as our ability to realize our ministry has been severely hindered.

Several months ago, I began seeking God's will for our future. I asked Him to lead me and then confirm His will by giving me peace about it. By the end of 2021, we will be serving God a few miles north of the border in the El Paso area.

Our focus on evangelism, discipleship, training, and building up and even the establishing new churches will remain the same. We hope to continue helping the churches in Mexico as the Lord allows and the border restrictions are relaxed.

We've been active while these restrictions have been in place. We go soul winning each week, have seen souls saved, some baptized, and had visitors in church. I've done pulpit supply (both English and Spanish) for several churches locally as well as in New Mexico, Colorado, and other parts of Texas while waiting on God's will.

The churches we've helped establish are all under national leadership. They're nearly self-supporting, self-propagating, and self-governing, which was our goal. My focus has been on training another generation to continue after we are gone. Several of the pastors have caught this vision, which ensures the churches will continue well into the future.

There are several factors that led to this decision and had part in confirming this as the Lord's will for us and our ministry. 1) The border restrictions with no end in sight. 2) The maturing of the Mexican churches and growing nationalism in the Mexican culture and church. 3) The deterioration of many churches in the U.S., including the aging of fundamental preachers and the increasing pace of abandonment of many fundamental doctrines and practices.

Most importantly, after months of seeking the Lord, and the prayers of several trusted counsellors, the Lord has given me perfect peace. We've been helping Pastor Carl Chitwood at Westside Baptist Temple in El Paso. In December, I was asked to cover services for a few weeks while both the pastor and assistant pastor were out with Covid. We've developed a love for this church, the pastor, the people, and the church's vision.

<u>I also have peace about the immediate future.</u> I believe it is the Lord's will for me to become a "minister" to Pastor Chitwood and to help the church in any way I can. I'm not seeking a position, nor has one been offered. I plan to serve and help carry the load in anyway the Lord will lead. For the long-term, I am not sure where this leads, but I have enough light to take this step, and the Lord will reveal the future as it is needed. <u>I would like to ask you to continue our personal support through March 2022 as we make this transition.</u>

So that we can continue helping and supporting the pastors that we've trained, we need to make a few adjustments. Would you consider supporting To Every Creature Ministries so we can continue to further the gospel in Mexico? This will still be sent through Central Baptist Church to help the pastors and to provide accountability. I will still administer the funds.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (915)241-3233. I will try to reach out to you soon. You may also contact Pastor Copeland at (806)372-1464 or Pastor Chitwood at (915)877-3667. Please see the enclosed letters from them. Thank you so much for your love for Souls and faithfulness to support us.

Very Sincerely for Souls and still Looking for that Blessed Hope!

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