



Big News

Hello friends! This is our first newsletter in a while, but we're excited to share some big news! As many of you know, we moved to Tennessee to help support my grandparents. After moving, I started working at a printing press that produces "The Great Controversy"



I don't know why this detour needed to be taken, but we

We never entirely lost sight of becoming deployed missionaries, though. God had opened up so many doors for us through the years for me to complete my mechanic and pilot licenses so we could better serve people in hard-to-reach places. We had the support and encouragement from friends, family, and

church members worldwide as we strove to complete these tasks and become deployable missionaries. God could have had some "additional training" for us before deployment.

tried to follow God's leading and do what we thought was right at each step. Not to claim that we've now "arrived," but I believe we've grown in some areas of our characters that needed growing—areas that will help us help others in the field.

My grandmother passed away a year ago, and my grandfather is living on my aunt and uncle's property, so we felt more free to think about moving on. We had been praying that God would show us when it would be time for us to move on to somewhere where we would be more helpful and where we could most effectively use the training we've been blessed with. The door to flying in Nicaragua seemed to be closed because of the political climate in the country, so one day, as we talked to Pastor Deyvid (AWA Speaker | Director of Global Operations) about the openings around the world, we settled on looking into Alaska as a place that would be a good fit for us.

Several factors helped us determine that, but what drew our attention to it initially was that it was in the United States. Here's why that is a factor. My mother-in-law and

sister-in-law live in a small town in Mexico that is being torn apart by cartel violence. There have been multiple instances where there have been dead people lying in the street, and some were even dropped off on the steps of the town hall by the cartels. People have been abducted from public places in broad daylight sometimes, as was witnessed by my 15-year-old sister-in-law on one occasion. There are shootings in the streets, and sometimes, my wife's family has to shelter on the floor of their home. We have wanted for years to get them out of Mexico and have them with us, to get them out of that situation and be able to better support them.

A few years ago, after my wife had learned of another violent incident in my mother-in-law's town, she turned to God in earnest prayer, asking that God would show us what to do about the situation and that God would open the door for her mom to either be with us here in the states or someplace overseas. The next day, my wife got a call from her family in Houston saying that a letter had come from US immigration saying that their petition for my wife's mom to get her US green card had been accepted! This paperwork had been submitted over 20 years ago, and as if in answer to my wife's prayer, the approval came on that day! My wife was blown away! From that point, we've been working on the paperwork for her to go and waiting for her interview at the US consulate's office, which has been a long wait. If our suspicions are correct, the final pieces for them to come will fall into place when we are settled in a place where we can receive them better.

Alaska is the last frontier in the United States, and aviation is a lifesaving necessity for communities living beyond the road system. Many of those people are Native American groups. Their living conditions are harsh, and they often lose hope for the future. We pray we can be useful tools in God's hands as we share what gives us hope, supporting the church's work in these areas through aviation, education, and encouragement. We ask that you lift us up in prayer as we start this new mission. Alaska is not an easy place to serve, but it is a place of great need. We are choosing to say, as Caleb did in the Bible when faced with the choice of where to settle in the Promised Land, "Give me this mountain," thereby asking for a difficult place to settle, knowing that if the Lord was with him, he would be successful.

We don't know when we'll deploy, but we are going on a survey trip soon to spy out the land, check out housing, and see the needs in person in Alaska. A lot still needs to fall into place, so please keep these needs in your prayers.

Also, if God puts it on your heart to donate to this endeavor, we greatly appreciate it and know that God will richly repay you. Thank you all for taking the time to read this letter; I hope it is an encouragement.

We love you all. - The Fix Family



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