



Dear Pastor,

Greetings and blessings in the name of Christ. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and for considering the next step with me.

We have great news to share with you and the congregation! Yesterday we finally were able to see the Family Reunification Visa for our children get processed! We have been praying, working and waiting for this for 6 years now. We were a little worried about the reception of the immigration officials since we had an odd situation to present. Our Birth Abroad's were outdated, the kids have been here in Aruba for almost 5 years without visas, and the number of kids also seemed to be alarming to them (*under the old law you could only bring up to 3 children under a family visa*). The night before, we asked the Lord for a nice lady or man to attend us and once I walked in our papers were split up between three different ladies, and guess what... they were all three super sweet! **The applications have been accepted, stamped, and the payment made and receipts applied to their paperwork.** Usually that means that it is a done deal and that now all we have to do is wait for the responses. I don't want to "count my chicks before they are hatched", but it seems like the Lord has blessed us with smooth sailing with the permits. Praise His Name!!!

Now, what this means is that we can finally travel as a family this coming year. We have several families willing to come and help the Church plant in our absence but they can only come in the Jan-May window of 2022. So, **OUR** plans are to put together a trip to the USA starting on Sunday the 9th of Jan, 2022. That first date is already set for a family conference that I am to speak at in Miami, FL. I am desiring to be in the USA for a period of 4 to at most 5 months, up to end of May at most. It is my conviction that I should not abandon my ministry and people any more than I must. We have never done the "regular" 1 year furlough and hope to be back in our place of ministry as soon as the Lord would allow us to. Having said that, we do know that no man is indispensable and that it is **HIS** church and ministry, not mine. Also, we want **HIS** plan more than anything and we will be submissive if He has any changes to our plans. Please pray with us and work with us on this trip as we try to get back to our place of service and calling as soon as we can. We are willing to bend over backwards and travel as much as needed to meet every church's best dates. For now, I am going to try to spend January and February in the southern states and Mexico. Sometime towards the end of February or beginning of March we could be heading North and Midwest. That I know of, we should visit FL, GA, TX, LA, MS, AR, CO, WY, WA, MI, MO, IA, IL, WI, WV, NC, SC, VA, NY, ME, NH, MD, and PA. I am open to scheduling new churches but I will try to get in to our supporting churches first – they are our priority. If you can squeeze us in, we would be extremely grateful! **We really want to see all of our churches and friends!** If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know and thank you in advance for understanding our situation.

Yours in Christ,

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