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“It Was Bound to Happen”

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Managua, Nicaragua - We've all heard that phrase - "It was bound to happen." Sometimes it is an expression of joy, as in "They've been dating for five years and now they are getting married. It was bound to happen." At other times it is an exclamation of disappointment such as "It was bound to happen. You didn't study, didn't do your homework and now you've failed the class."



Now, as we look back over more than 10 years of full time missionary service, we can say "It was bound to happen."

This week we are in Managua, Nicaragua working on our 2012 event

schedule. We have confidence that God is leading us to take another step of faith, that some might say is a giant leap of faith! We are being intentional about buying a reliable automobile and renting a house. Much prayer and counsel have gone into this decision. Our desire is to

be obedient in trusting God and in his timing. We believe that he has led us precisely to a car and a house and the prices we should pay.

For us, this is really big news! Of course, this news might bring certain questions to mind for some of you.

Why would we do such a thing? Especially, why do it at this time?

Since January of 2005, God has clearly been moving our ministry to focus on Nicaragua. The changes that are taking place here make it clear that we need to be urgently and vigorously spreading the good news to these beautiful people. Our years in Nicaragua have seen hundreds and hundreds come to Christ. Through our Practically Speaking English events at churches, universities and schools and with the addition of medical teams, we foresee reaching even more.

With a local headquarters in place, we can:

- increase the number of indigenous church partners and team events;
- be involved in the follow-up of those precious souls that come to Christ;
- increase our access to some of the university campuses for evangelism;
- reduce our travel time and the wear and tear on these "not as young as we used to be" bodies;

- reduce the need for us to stay in hotels before and after some events;
- store and protect our materials, supplies and equipment and;
- improve our Spanish language skills.

Is this a permanent move? We are making a two-year commitment at this point. We sense that we have a short window of opportunity remaining for vigorous work in this country.

We will keep our home in Texas as our "US headquarters". We will continue to return there to refresh ourselves and reconnect. This will allow us to maintain the many important relationships at home that are so dear to us, recruit and train volunteers, preach and encourage churches and raise financial support.



Where will the money come from? For more than 10 years we have trusted God to use his people to meet our needs. We are stepping out in faith once again. We are asking that you prayerfully consider making a commitment to help us meet these new, additional financial needs.

What are we asking you to do?

- First, pray for us!
- Also pray about how God might want to bless you by having you partner with us financially.
- Reflect on how God may use you, your children, your family, your church, your Bible study group or your circle of believing friends (at work, at school, etc.) to join together to meet this need. Perhaps he will lead you to share this need with another believer that you know.
- Whether you have the ability to make a large gift that could buy a car or a small gift towards monthly expenses is not important. We trust that God will use an assortment of his people to meet these needs just as he has done in the past. He is faithful all the time.
- Make a 12 or 24 month commitment or a one-time gift towards the expansion of this Kingdom work.
- Bear in mind that every penny of your contribution to Jody Kennedy International goes directly to our own ministry and is fully tax deductible. There is no overseeing organization that takes a percentage of your donation.

We continue to be amazed at how God meets our needs in ways beyond what we could imagine. We are so very grateful that he has put each of you in our lives and we look forward to sharing with you how he reaches more and more people in the next two years.

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