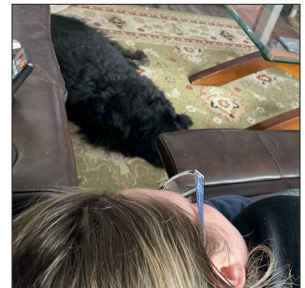


Dear Friends & Family,

It has been a CRAZY month for Carmen and me. It has been filled with packing/unpacking, cleaning, and lastly, an extremely long drive to Fargo from Columbia (22 hours in a moving truck). I am finally



settled in our new home in North Dakota. While it has been tiring and lots of work, it feels nice to finally be able to relax (as you can see, Carmen and Faith have no problem with that part) and have roots planted as this journey is finally underway! However, this process also has other emotions built-in, as I had to say "see you later" to so many people I have built relationships with



over my time in South Carolina. I can no longer grab a meal with them, play board games with them, or even just hang out whenever we want to. It's an adjustment that will take some time to get used to. This does, however, bring new opportunities to build new relationships and have those same kinds of opportunities in a different part of the Country.

I started work on April 19th and am beyond excited to open this chapter of my life. I have already gotten to experience some of the weekly opportunities here at Youth for Christ. I got to go to "Dakota" for the first time. It's an alternative school we get to go to and feed lunch to kids once a week. As we approached the school, I didn't know what to expect. Nerves of the unknown flew in as this was something new for me. However, nerves were there until I got to spend time with some of the students. While the location and kids were new, the ability to play games and get to know kids wasn't. As the kids came in to grab their lunch, the nerves went away, and it was back to normal. I got to do some of my favorite things, eat and play games with students! Some opportunities are still on hold (like the detention center) as I am waiting to clear background checks and other protocols.



The office already has a home feeling to it with the fantastic coworkers I have. I'm looking forward to growing these relationships as we get to know each other more. I can't wait to continue to see how the Lord uses me in the days ahead!

While there is so much excitement, there are still many things that could continue to receive your prayer! The first is for Carmen and me as we navigate long-distance for the first time until our Wedding on July 8th. Please pray for our relationship

as we close in on marriage from afar. Pray for Carmen as she looks for a teaching position up here and goes through the process of beginning a new journey as she comes alongside me. Another prayer request would be for the ministry and me as we start to grow together and impact those around the Fargo area. Pray for me to be used by God in His timing and in His way, not of my own. Lastly, Pray for Carmen and me as we begin the fun process of looking for a church and seeking the Lord to place us where we can be used the best to grow his Kingdom.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has generously given towards my ministry here at Youth for Christ. Currently, I have \$650 per Month committed to my \$1,500 per month goal. I have also had other one-time gifts given, for which I am so thankful. Please consider joining me as a Monthly partner as God leads you. Donations can be given online at <https://redriveryouthforchrist.givingfuel.com/giving> selecting the option "WL" or through the enclosed envelope.

I look forward to staying in touch and keeping you updated on the ministry!

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