

Dear Friends & Family,

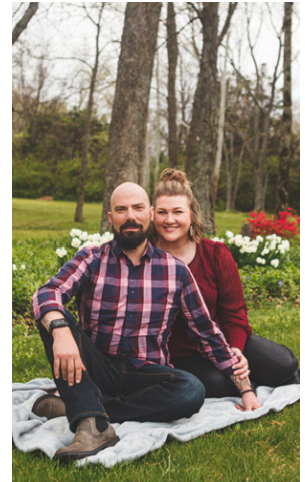
Since leaving New Mexico in May of 2024, Deborah and I have experienced much change in our lives. When we arrived back at our home base of Memphis, TN, I started working at Chick-fil-A and Deborah was able to step right back into her role as a stylist at Custom Cuts. We began attending Bellevue Baptist Church again, and were blessed to be able to become part of a wonderful Life Group. We got plugged right back into ministry, with me serving in prison ministry and Deborah helping lead a women's group, all the while taking any opportunities we could to disciple, counsel, and love on those around us.

But we had a stirring in our hearts. We knew that God had something else in store for us and that we were not to be in Memphis permanently.

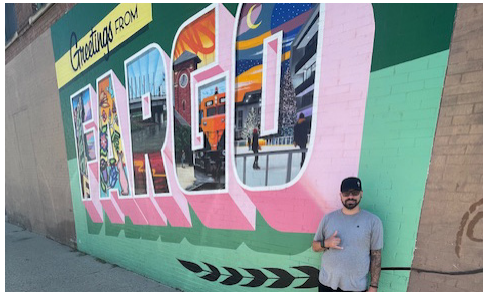
We love church planting, and discipleship is very near and dear to our hearts. We were offered the chance to move to Fargo, North Dakota and work with a church plant. This seemed like the direction the Lord was leading, but it all really fell into place when I was offered a job working with a special ministry called Youth for Christ. With much counsel and prayer, Deborah and I believe this is where God is leading us. We have been spending a lot of time asking God to direct us in this decision, and He has illuminated this path very clearly. This is a big step for us, so we have considered the cost and we now are stepping up, placing our hands to the plow and pushing forward. We are forgetting what is behind and seeking what lies ahead.

At Youth for Christ, I will be ministering to youth between the ages of 11 and 19 years old. For so long I have ministered to addicts, drug dealers and inmates. Now I have the chance to use my gifts in teaching, counseling, and discipleship to reach many youth before they get to that point. I will be going into the detention center and alternative schools and connecting with these youth where they are, in their own space. I will get to teach, counsel, run programs, and meet with some of the youth one-on-one weekly. I am so ecstatic to get to do this! I get to reach into the lives of kids from different walks of life and share with them the love Jesus Christ showed me so many years ago. This has such a special meaning to me, because it wasn't all that long ago when I was in some of their same shoes.

As these things unfold, I want to share with you the opportunity to partner with me in this mission of reaching these youth for Christ. There are several ways you can do this. First and foremost is prayer. Please pray for Deborah and me as we move to a new state with a new culture and new people, that we can build strong relationships and excel in our new jobs. Pray for the church plant where we will



be serving. Pray as we lead, worship, study, and do life together with our new community. My final prayer request is for me as I try to connect with these youth, that they see and hear genuine love and concern for them and care in my words, attitude, and actions. That they know what Jesus is like by watching me. May they see the hope that is available for their life through Jesus Christ.



The other way you can partner with me is by giving. I will be a missionary for Youth for Christ and, as such, I will need to raise a portion of my funds to live on. My goal is \$2,000 per month. I ask you to prayerfully remember me and consider giving as the Lord leads. If the Lord places it on your heart to give, any contribution, be it monthly or a one-time gift, would be very much appreciated!

I want to say thank you for all your love and support for me and Deborah as the Lord has been walking with us through everything we have been through. You don't realize how much of a Godsend all of you have been. Through the Bible studies, moments of prayer, counsel, advice, life stories, hardships, tears, laughs, and more. All of you remind us that God cares and that we are not alone in our journeys.

In His Grip,



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