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The Isaacson Family

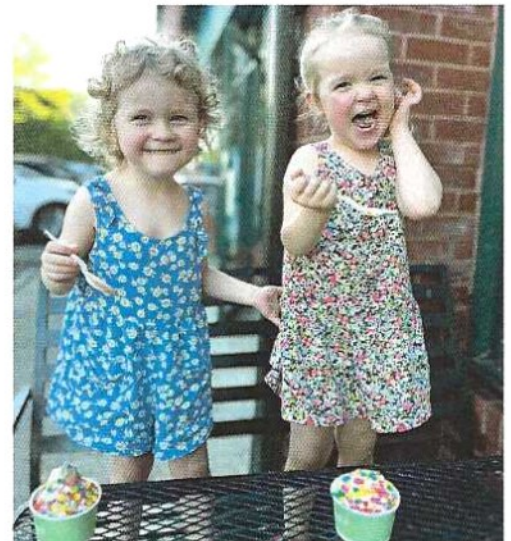
One act of obedience is worth one hundred sermons.
Dietrich Bonhoeffer

When I was twelve I told the Lord that I would go wherever He wanted me to go, I would do whatever He wanted me to do, I would be whatever He wanted me to be; the rest has been working out the details.
Elizabeth Elliot

Our guiding premise has always been to be obedient to the Lord, wherever and whatever He asks and leads. Our job is simply to say yes to the Lord, even when we do not understand or it is difficult. The Lord has made it clear in this season that it was time to step away from New York and relocate to Indiana for a time. We sense the Lord taking us into a new season, and we are very excited to see what He has next for our family. This is a multi-step process, and the first step is to notice what God has done so far.

Celebrate with us...

- We achieved the goals that we felt the Lord was directing us to in NYC: loving and learning from marginalized people, working with a multi-ethnic church, and taking Spanish lessons (just to name a few).
- Our sending organization (Cornerstone International) has continued to journey with us and support us in multiple ways, including sending a couple to come visit, check on our family, and help us process.
- Some incredible fellow missionaries brought their family to help us pack our home and then brought us more supporters and friends to help us move.
- We just completed an amazing debrief through the loving support of Cornerstone International.



A picture of Junia and Willow at their favorite ice cream shop

Next Step

The next step in this process is to take time to align spirit, soul, body, heart, and mind with Jesus, in keeping with another of our core values: the heart of "sabbath" commanded in scripture, and also the root of sabbatical (an extended sabbath). Our leadership at Cornerstone International has suggested we take a sabbatical, as they also value all these things. Therefore, a sabbatical is our next step.

We will be in communication soon with details on what our sabbatical will entail, as there will be structures and requirements for this season.

For now, would you please join us in prayer, as we celebrate the work the Lord has done, the blessing it is for all of us to participate in His work together, and the season of sabbatical that He is calling us into?



A picture of Sharayah visiting Honduras to learn Spanish



A group of us at ECC church

We feel excited anticipation, as we prayerfully seek the Lord, believing He will direct our next "yes!" Thank you for joining us. It means the world to us, and we pray it will be a season of blessing and alignment for you, as well.

With love,

*Cody, Sharayah,
Junia & Willow*

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