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Dear Friends,

Though our hearts are still tender as we think of our many friends, colleagues, and Christian brothers & sisters that we left behind in Portugal, and most especially those of our dear Ramada church family, it was a tremendous comfort to be in your midst last Sunday. In your presence we also feel that sense of family. We are grateful for a church like Village which has served us so many times as our “port” in and out of the USA—a place where we can feel comfortable in spite of all the feelings and uneasiness we experience as we transition. So many times you’ve been the “guinea pigs” for our presentations and have put up with our linguistic/cultural stumbling. For all of this we are, once again, grateful.

And, thank you for listening as we strived to explain the next chapter of our lives, namely our work with Horizon International Schools. We are still learning of the global potential of this organization and its vision...and are growing more excited each day to begin our work with them. Meanwhile, though, there are hundreds of little details that we are dealing with as we try to set up shop in a new place. This will continue for some time, and we ask you for your patience. We know you pray and are very grateful, especially during these times.

By the way, you prayed specifically that our shipment would not arrive until after June 14<sup>th</sup>. On Monday we got word that the US Customs officials wanted to do an invasive inspection of it...and that because of this it would be delayed 4-5 more days. Perfect! So, we had the whole week to enjoy with our parents...and to get some more things organized in our lives. It also saved us an extra trip up to Grand Rapids. Isn't this just one more reminder of God's goodness as He answers such a specific prayer?

Thanks, too, to the Missions Committee for the wonderful meal and time of inquiry on Thursday evening. We welcome these times of interaction. Thanks for taking the time to listen, to ask good questions, and to show your continued love for us.

As we move into this next chapter of our ministry, we have another specific request for you. As we mentioned to the Missions Committee, we are in need of replacing \$892/month in support. This shortfall reflects, primarily, a loss of support over the past couple of years not a huge increase for working with HIS. Unfortunately, since our last furlough, several churches and individuals were not able to continue their commitments. In addition, the ABWE board raised

the percentage of what is needed from missionaries for Home Office expenses. For those who would like to study our support needs more carefully, we have included a breakdown of those needs. Please pray with us regarding this. In this difficult economy we need to be trust Him more *and* be good stewards of His resources. Pray that God would supply what *He* knows we will need.

Again, we are grateful for you...and for the opportunity to be with you and present both what God has accomplished and what He intends to do. May God continue to give you joy and guidance as you seek to reflect Him to a needy world locally, personally, and globally, through your missions endeavors.

Grateful for you,

*Brian & Lauri Dix (& Matthew)*