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Dear Friends,

I just wanted to send out a short update to keep you all in the loop of the goings on in our journey to get on the ground in Haiti. We had some developments this week, but we are still trying to figure out what they mean.

First off, we were finally able to get the phone number of the landlord of the other house (remember that when I was down there in early January that I visited 2 houses that were available for rent). Just a recap: The first house I saw was really rough. It would need a *LOT* of homemaking for us to settle into and the location wasn't the best. The second house seemed to be perfect- location was great, the house had its own water supply from a spring, and it was a secure house in a more secure area nearby the airport and a UN post. So, as soon as I got the number for the landlord of the better house, I called to make introductions and get the details on what we would need to do to get a lease going. Well, in the course of our discussion the landlord mentions that they don't want any children at the house- which has the potential to be a big deal breaker for us. The landlord said he would speak to the owner about it and I am to call him back on Friday to follow up on whether they will allow it or not. In the meantime, I have communicated this to my friend who actually found the house for us, and he has said that he will also speak to the landlord on our behalf. As you can probably guess by now, this is:

Prayer request #1. We need a place to live before we can make any movement to Haiti. I know this seems like a dead end at this point, but God can do amazing things in opening doors, we have seen this too many times to deny it! And yet, after so many months of waiting, it is difficult not to feel deflated just when it looks like something big is about to happen. We are anxious, excited and nervous all at the same time, and we are praying that God will give us the peace that surpasses all understanding regarding this first big step. Please join with us as we petition God to open some major doors for our family.

And secondly, the vehicle that is being donated to us might be available as early as this Friday (coincidence?) to begin shipping. This is something totally new to us and we have no idea what this process will look like or any of the details of how it will happen. Much like the renting of a house in a foreign country, we are at the mercy of others working on our behalf. For a control freak, like myself, this is utter madness. And yet, I can feel the hand of God growing me as I struggle through these feelings and frustrations. We are relying on God but I want to have my own hands on things, as well. That leads to our:

Prayer request #2. Please pray with us that God will continue to supply for our needs as He sees fit and in His time, and for our family to accept His ways and timing gracefully. I pray for those people on the ground who are freely giving of their time and talents for the kingdom. And that includes each of you who are praying for us and supporting any and all ministries that further the coming of God's kingdom!

One other note, we are fully funded and financially we are ready to go. We are simply waiting on an open door to go through. Again, thank you all for your faithful support of our ministry work and allowing us the blessing of serving God by serving others. It amazes us how we can actually see God's faithful provision

from day to day through you all, yet still we continue to stumble and doubt His ability whenever we come up against circumstances that don't fit what we expected.

We are so grateful for each of you.

Restlessly awaiting His kingdom,

Jeff and Tammi
Emily, Elliott, Edison and Evangeline