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Dear Ministry Partners,

I cannot express enough my gratitude for your continued patience, prayers, and partnership during this current season of ministry transition. I am writing this special ministry update to share specifics about a new door of missionary work I'm now pursuing here on Maui following the closing of the church plant (Haumāna Baptist Church).

In September, I scheduled a meeting with the Executive Director of the local homeless ministry, Maui Rescue Mission. This is the homeless ministry that leads the outreach at Kanaha Beach Park that I have been attending monthly to minister to the homeless (previously as a pastor). During our meeting, we spoke about one of the mission's aims: to guide individuals towards a new life in Christ.

At its current size, the mission's staff and volunteers are often kept busy by the shower and laundry services their outreaches provide. As a result, little time is left for meaningful connection directed toward leading people toward Christ. Speaking about this clear need, we discussed the possibility of me being endorsed by His organization as a missionary chaplain to the homeless on Maui. It was a discussion we both left in favor of pursuing together.

After praying about it and seeking counsel, I am confident that this missionary work is one that God has equipped me for and one that I am eager to pursue. Homelessness has been and remains a growing reality for many who call Maui home. In September, the Maui Rescue Mission shared that outreach attendance had increased by 40% in the past year.

As homeless communities in Maui continue to grow, there is a clear need for Spirit-filled ministers who can dedicate their lives to building genuine, trusting relationships in these communities: ministers that serve the homeless like Christ and have tact in lovingly pointing people toward a genuine relationship with Jesus. Under the endorsement of the Maui Rescue Mission, my primary pursuit will be to serve as this minister and missionary on Maui. I will not be paid staff of the mission, but rather a missionary chaplain that they endorse.

In the days ahead, I'm pursuing work under this endorsement to establish myself as a chaplain to the many homeless they serve every single week at their five current outreaches. This role I'm pursuing will include being a chaplain presence at all five outreaches, conducting hospital visits, performing memorial services, and remaining on-call with the Mission for various spiritual needs.

This role has not existed in the life of Maui Rescue Mission, so I will be working hand-in-hand with the Executive Director to establish my duties and procedures. I also plan to pursue certifications relevant and helpful to chaplaincy work.

As I become more established as a chaplain to the homeless, I am prayerful that further connections and opportunities will present themselves in other homeless communities and programs outside of Maui Rescue Mission's sphere. I am confident that this mission field is larger than one person can reach alone and is one in need of laborers. While more laborers will no doubt be needed, I am now seeking to be one that God can use for His glory throughout the many homeless communities of Maui.

While the chaplaincy role will be my main day-to-day work, I am still burdened to reach all people in Maui with the Gospel, so I will be continuing the quarterly evangelistic movie nights ("Message and a Movie"). These will remain Gospel-preaching outreaches to the entire community. Those who accept Christ at these events will now be provided a list of local Gospel-preaching churches for baptism and discipleship.

With these two initial forms of outreach ministry moving forward (the chaplaincy and movie nights), a new structure will be needed to handle ministry-related expenses now that the church plant has closed. Therefore, I have begun establishing a ministry non-profit called More Than Paradise Ministries (MTPM). This non-profit name will replace the Reach Maui Ministry name, serve as the umbrella for all future outreach ministries I do as a missionary, and properly manage all ministry-related needs and funding.

That said, personal living costs and salary will continue to be handled by my missionary agency, Central Missionary Clearinghouse (CMC). Your monthly support through CMC will continue to be directed toward sustaining my family and me. This support remains vital and is how I will be able to do the missionary work I'm now pursuing.

For those who have been giving support directly to Haumāna Baptist Church, I'm happy to report that your donations will naturally be transitioned toward More Than Paradise Ministries. There is nothing you will need to do if you have been giving through the church's online giving platform. That said, if you have been sending a check to the church, you will need to begin making future checks out to More Than Paradise Ministries very soon.

I recognize that this is a lot of information to read and process. If you are uncertain about anything I've written or have further questions, I ask that you please reach out and schedule a time to speak with me over the phone. I am ready and willing to clarify anything.

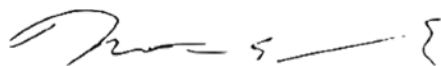
I am prayerful that this future direction is clear and excites you. If, as a current financial partner, you are for the missionary work I will now be pursuing here on Maui, I ask for your continued partnership in ministry.

If you have not been a financial partner, but this new direction stirs you, I would ask that you please reach out about scheduling a time to talk. I would be so grateful and honored to have the opportunity to more personally share these future ministry pursuits with you and explore how you might partner with me as a missionary.

If, as a current financial partner, you decide with the Lord that you will be ending your partnership in light of this new direction, I ask that you please inform me of this as soon as you can. I recognize that this new direction may not be in line with what you desire to support. I accept that and thank you for the support you have given.

As I shared in my last monthly update, I do not believe God is done using my family to further His work on Maui. He is simply transitioning us to a new work. A work I ask each person who has read to this point to prayerfully consider how God would lead you to be a part of in the weeks and months ahead.

Sincerely,



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P.S. One other matter I want to address is my family's current church participation. With Haumāna Baptist Church now closed, we have been faithfully attending a local gathering of believers each week. Our plan is to join and be an active part of an established local church on Maui while doing the missionary work I've shared. At this time, we have not settled on a church to join. Once we do, I will make that announcement via my regular monthly update letters.