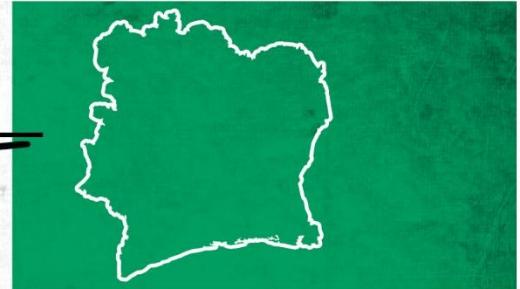


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Dear Supporting Churches,

As you are aware, we have faced significant health challenges over the past year. We continue to work with Micalah's health, and have yet to see her return to the health she enjoyed before giving birth to our dear son. In addition to this, over the past several months, it became clear that I was facing significant health challenges of my own. After working through several rounds of blood tests, it became clear that I was facing several significant issues concerning multiple body systems. My immune system has been greatly affected in addition to several other systems. After receiving counsel from my initial doctor that I was not currently healthy enough to go the Ivory Coast, I immediately sought a second and third opinion. This required re-ordering and confirming all previous tests in addition to prescribing new tests. All of these doctor's visits, blood tests, scans, and medicines we have paid for out of pocket. At this point, we have exhausted all of our savings and resources into trying to determine what was the issue. It is our great desire to get to the field and we did not want this to slow us down.

The doctors have determined a treatment plan for me, and it will require an open ended amount of time for treatment. It is our hope and prayer that this period will be much shorter rather than longer. However, because we cannot determine exactly when or if my immune system will respond, and after significant prayer and counsel with my father and sending pastor, it is with great sorrow and difficulty that I must resign until such a time as I possess the health necessary to withstand the rigors of West Africa. It is my sincerest prayer and desire that I am fit for service again much sooner rather than later, at which time it is our intention to immediately reapply to BIMI and get to the field.

Continuing Ministry in the Ivory Coast

I will continue to remain active in the ministry in the Ivory Coast despite the trials we are facing currently. My father has graciously allowed me to continue as adjunct faculty remotely at our institute and seminary. As well, I will be assisting with any administrative duties that can be done remotely. Again, it is our fervent prayer that we be able to rejoin BIMI and get boots on the ground in the Ivory Coast as quickly as possible. Given the burden God has placed on my heart and my love for these wonderful Ivorians, I am doing every I can to be involved in the meantime. I will continue to work for the ministry in the Ivory Coast on a daily and weekly basis.

Thank You

It is has been a privilege of a lifetime to be a part of your missions family, and I hope to again be an official member again soon. I would be remiss if I did not thank the many wonderful, godly people who have helped us along the way. Although it was my desire to be a blessing to you

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and your missions program, many of you were a distinct blessing to me and my family. ***If you would like to remain up to date concerning the ministry in the Ivory Coast in the meantime, please email me at themachsic@gmail.com.*** I will continue to be involved in the ministry there despite my health issues and covet your prayers!

We do ask for your prayers for us as a family. This has easily been the most difficult time in our life spiritually. We understand that God is in complete control and that His way is always best. Please pray for peace and renewed health. As well, please pray for our transition. Given that we have invested all our resources into gaining medical answers, and still have many more bills to pay, it will not be the easiest transition.

It was an honor and a joy to partner with you, and I hope to again soon in an official capacity.

In Christ,



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