

Some big changes for the Bouffards...

Dear family and friends,

Andrea and I are writing to share some significant news with all of you. **We recently resigned from our position as missionaries with New Hope Uganda at Musana Camps.** While we planned to return to Uganda after our furlough, we have clearly felt God leading us to this decision since we've been home. The decision is not without mixed emotions, as we will deeply miss the people and ministry we came to know and love in Uganda. We are so grateful for the support of our care team, our church, our mission, our family members, and friends who are loving us and walking through this furlough and decision making process with us.

The main reason for this decision is that we feel this is what is best for our marriage and family at this time.

God is showing us that for many years now, we have struggled to live out a healthy balance of marriage, family, and ministry. In fact, we've even seen that we were experiencing a large amount of "burn-out" before we left for Uganda and didn't realize it. The unique environment and pressures we faced in Uganda only magnified and exposed the need for deeper maturing that was already there, especially in our marriage. Since returning home, we've made marriage counseling our priority. It has been an indescribable blessing to see what God is doing in Andrea and I through all this and how we're growing.

In light of this, we feel that it would be best for our family not to return to the leadership role, responsibilities and environment we were in at Musana Camps in order to continue on this path of healing and restoration, allowing for this current process of maturing to take deeper root in our lives. It's easy to say that marriage and family are the priority over ministry, but

we're on a new journey of living that out as never before. There is a lot of room to grow and the journey has been humbling and quite difficult at times, but we are grateful and excited for what God is doing and what the future holds!

The 2+ years we spent in Uganda were a simply incredible part of our journey as a couple and family and **we cannot express how deeply grateful we are, both for the experience and all God has done in us through it, as well as for all of you who have so faithfully supported us with your love, prayers, encouragement, and financial support.**



Don't underestimate how your partnership with us has impacted lives. Because of you, we were able to build relationships and share the truth of the love of Jesus with many people by providing camp programs, sponsoring fatherless children, investing in the much needed development of the local community through outreaches and medical clinics and more. Even the building of our house, which will be a blessing to others for years to come.

Living and serving cross-culturally has allowed us to see and experience more of God's heart for the poor, the orphan, the widow, the vulnerable and marginalized, and we will never be the

same as a result. **We are very much open to serving overseas cross-culturally again someday,** but whether we do or not, we will continue to live out our relationships with God and others in a different way as a result of the transformation that is taking place in us and a deeper understanding of love, faith, trust, humility, and meaning and importance of "The Great Commission."

We don't know what the next steps are for us but we know that we can trust God to be with us and provide for our every need as we live in His love. As of now, we are living in an apartment in Myerstown, PA and are waiting on God to show us what He has next and where that will be. We appreciate your prayers for us to keep trusting Him day by day. Pray also for the kids through this transition, as Uganda became home and they now face more change.

On a practical level, we will continue to receive financial support through October. After October, we will no longer be receiving support or be missionaries with NHU. Any financial support received by NHU after that time will be returned to you. We would be grateful for your continued support through October, which will enable us to complete 7 months of our much-needed time of furlough and provide the ability to visit many of you and share about all God has done through our time at Musana Camps.

Thank you all again for your love and partnership with us through this journey. May we all live in the reality of the truth of Ephesians 3:14-21 and bring glory to God by living loved. We love you all!

Seeking Him,

Dave, Andrea, and Family

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