



THE START OF A NEW JOURNEY !!

First Step

“A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step”
– Loa Tzu

That is so true, it does start with the first step. And we have taken that first step. In October of 2017, we had the honor to travel to Springfield, Missouri to the National Office of the Assembly of God. Where Heather and I have waited a long time to fulfill the calling that God had placed in our hearts. After filling out page after page of paperwork, reading and writing a report for the missions committee. Traveling of 1800 miles and then going through one of the most nerve wrecking interview, we got the unanimous approval from the Assembly of God World Missions Board to become missionaries to Colombia.

But this first step didn't start last year or even in 2002 by attending Valley Forge Christian College. It started for me, Isaiah, when I was 8 yrs. Old. I was home sick from school with swollen glands in my neck. I couldn't eat, drink or turn my head without pain. That night there was a revival service that my parents were attending, And I really wanted to go. I went and during worship, I told God that if you would heal me and take

away this pain I would do anything he asked me to do. Then the call came, if anyone needs pray for healing come forward, without hesitation I step out of the pew and walked to the front. With the Evangelist walking by he stopped and asked “Where's the parents of this boy?” My parents raised their hands. He told them as long as he followed Christ, they would never need to worry about him, God has him! And he has for 26 years and counting. God has me where I need to be.

It started with that first step, desperate for God to heal him, but it was more than that it was for him to follow Christ and the calling he had on his life. That first step many years ago, looking back and knowing that by taking that first step was the best step I have ever taken. This journey I have been on started 26 years ago, by asking for healing and keeping my word to follow God!

Have you taken that first step to follow God? The journey he has for you is amazing, but the only way to see it, is to take your first step in following him! I encourage you to take that first step in your walk with Him.

- Isaiah



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A family breathes, sleeps and lives together! So, the journey to becoming missionaries isn't just the heart of Isaiah and Heather. It is the heart of their family!

Questions:

What are you most excited about in moving to Colombia?

Dakota: "Working in ministry with my Mom and Dad."

TaraBeth: "Being with my mom and dad, also making new friends."

Malachi: "Being able to see all the different animals in Colombia."

If you would like to ask the Mattocks kids a question, please send your question to: Isaiah.mattocks@agmd.org.

In the subject write "Kids Corner Questions".

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97%

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Monthly Budget

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People always ask, "How are you doing? Are you excited about Colombia?". On the inside I'm laughing saying, "you have no idea". Every day is like waking up from an amazing dream and realizing it wasn't a dream. I am constantly pausing to remind myself, "this is real, I am a missionary." God spoke so clearly to my heart when I was 13 about missions. I was at an altar call, in a little church, on the Baja Peninsula of Mexico. I responded saying God you speak, whatever you want I will do. He said, "this". From that moment on my heart was content.

I continued doing missions short term for many years. I attended, then, Valley Forge Christian College majoring in World Missions. I prayed and God brought Isaiah into my life. I now continued this journey with Isaiah by my side, missions always being the goal. We started in youth ministry together, after

college. We have now been in youth and children's ministry for over 12 years.

There were times on the journey where I had to stop and be honest; asking God to confirm again what he spoke to me when I was a teen. Years past, church positions came and went. It felt at times like God's words spoken to my heart were never going to happen. At a time where the only thing I was holding onto was God, He swung open Heaven's gates and propelled Isaiah and I into the mission's application process. Like a whirlwind, Isaiah got ordained, I was ordained, applications were filled out, interviews had, Missions Orientation was here. Sitting before the mission's board telling them about how God called me to missions was like living that altar call over again.

That was October 2017. The last 8 months have been surreal. Every day is one step closer to the field. There are still days that seem overwhelming with change as we prepare our, now, family of five to leave our home and move to a new country. The excitement and peace as I watch this promise come to life has calmed my heart; I am literally living my dream. This journey to missions is far from over, but every day is a new adventure in God's calling.

~ Heather