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Hi everyone!!

How we're already at the end of August, I just don't quite know, but here we are.

It feels like I just got home last week, and yet here I am, six months into the rhythms and routines of being home. Being here has started to feel like the new normal, and yet we're now preparing to leave for Guatemala in just a few weeks.

It's been sweet to call this place home for a season, to enjoy time with my parents, go on hikes with old friends, work alongside coworkers who have become new friends, and settle into the mundane things of everyday life while learning to see all of it through the lens of God's grace. This has been such an unexpected season, and one I'm incredibly grateful for. At the same time, it has made the idea of moving feel weightier. It's hard to leave a place I love.

In some ways, it feels like I've settled here and learned to love it, and that has taken time. My heart has been softened more than ever toward this place, and I've begun to see more clearly the need for the truth of God in this city and in my workplace. My heart is learning how to hold gratitude and grief at the same time as I look toward leaving this place in a few weeks.

So, on September 15, I'll be flying to Guatemala and beginning to settle into life in a new place. (If you are new on my updates and want to read previous updates about what I'm doing in Guatemala please let me know!) There's a deep sense of expectancy in me, knowing that this is an invitation the Lord has extended to me. And yet, there are so many emotions wrapped up in the reality of moving my life and stepping into yet another unknown.

A friend of mine who is also heading into a season of newness said something that felt so relatable.

"I guess being obedient doesn't mean I'm not scared. It just means that I believe Jesus is worth saying yes to."

That has felt like such a simple, yet deeply real and raw truth for this season of my life.

He has shown Himself so worthy of worship throughout this last season, and I know He will continue to do so every day of my life. Some days, that means choosing to believe this truth even when my mind wants to choose otherwise.

Sometimes I think there can be an idea that missions in another country is the "most Christian" thing to do, but that's just far from the truth. It has been such a joy to be home and talk with friends who are saying yes to worshipping God wherever they find their feet, whether that's in a hospital, a home with their kids, a workplace, or halfway across the world.

God has been teaching me that it's so much more about how we live wherever our feet are than the actual location we find ourselves in. King Jesus is worthy of our whole lives. He is worthy of our worship in every circumstance, in the moments that feel like ministry and in the moments that simply feel like everyday tasks.

One of the many things that comes with this move is fundraising. I've been working alongside the Great Commission Foundation to create a platform through which I can raise funds, and Lord willing, that will be up and running soon. This process has felt slow, and it has been easy to get frustrated with it. But I'm beginning to see the slowness as another kindness from the Lord, an invitation to stay present where my feet are. Through it all, He has provided for me through the job I've had these last several months, and I'm so grateful.

So when I get frustrated with the slowness of things, when I think about the fact that I won't be sharing a dinner table with my parents, or when I feel nervous about the unknowns that fill this new season, I have to come back to this: He is the Good Shepherd, and I lack nothing in His hands.

I would truly be so grateful for your prayers over these next few weeks. Some specific ways you can be praying are:

- That the Lord would continue to prepare my heart for this move.
- For my coworkers as I wrap up my time here, and that the Lord would continue to pursue their hearts.
- For deep connection with people in Guatemala, both locals and other missionaries.

Thank you all for every way you've encouraged, prayed for, and supported me throughout this season. I'm so grateful.

Blessings,

Lianne

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