

Dear Partners in ministry,

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Imagine a time, somewhere in the future, when the Covid-19 pandemic ends. We will leave our homes, walk the streets, and begin to establish routines in a new world. What will be our first thoughts as we open our doors, and venture out into this new world? Fear? Trepidation? Hope? Excitement? Will we enter this world singing unto Zion?

Over the past 38 years, Leanne and I have opened the door and entered new worlds. We entered this new world with some trepidation, but mostly it was excitement. We had embarked on a journey of redemption; a journey to bring everlasting joy to a world that was suffering. Our excitement came from entering worlds of different cultures, languages, and people we had not met before. Our excitement was the challenge of learning to live in a new world. Most importantly, **our excitement came from people and churches like you, who have enabled us** to enter this new world and have ceaselessly supported us on this journey. Your unending prayers and generosity have overwhelmed us, and each day of this journey we give thanks to God for you, our community of faith.

Again, I ask you to imagine. We are the redeemed, and we are marching to Zion. The Covid-19 pandemic has not ended, but we can continue our march. We can enlarge the choir of people who will sing together this chorus. Leanne and I will return to Honduras. In different ways, we will continue to follow God's leading in the ministry that he has called us to. We invite you to continue the journey with us. Be our prayer warriors. Be our enablers. Together, we will travel the road less travelled. Together, we will encounter God through the voices of the vulnerable, but also through the chorus composed of God's worldwide family.

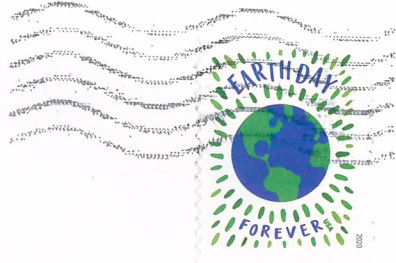
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