



We're Going . . .

“When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, who are Levites, carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before. . . . Joshua told the people, ‘Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.’” Joshua 3:3-5

After seven years living in Guatemala, we are going somewhere new. Although this new location was not on our radar, we feel confident that the Lord is leading us. When we moved here in January 2000, we imagined ourselves in Latin America for the rest of our lives. In fact, we've been praying for the last year and a half about what God would have next for us. Our thoughts were fixed on the Spanish-speaking world. And yet, God is taking us somewhere very different.

In August, we were asked to consider serving at OC's International Mobilization Center (IMC) in Colorado Springs. We were shocked and humbled by the invitation. Kyle was asked to be the next Senior Director of Personnel for our organization, a ministry that serves all 400 OC missionaries around the world and those who are in the process of joining the mission. Our ministry focus would expand from a Latin American one to a worldwide one.



Accepting this invitation would mean an international move, from Guatemala City to Colorado Springs. We feel like the Israelites as they were about ready to cross the Jordan and were instructed to follow the ark, which represented God's presence and authority. They were to follow the ark because they had not gone that way before. The Scriptures also talk about how they consecrated themselves, something that we can identify with as we've sought out what God wants. As we've prayed, we have sensed a fresh dependence on God's leading in our lives.

We love living in Guatemala. We love working with our fellow teammates. We've enjoyed speaking Spanish, learning about culture, raising our children, and working with the Latin church. It is hard to think about leaving this place, our home, our friends, the girls' school, and our experiences. Our processing has taken us back to our calling, which really was a surrendering of our lives, "Anything, Anytime, Anywhere, Lord Jesus I'm yours."

So, after months of prayer and consideration, we have said yes to this next adventure. We are excited about what God has in store for us! We will move to Colorado in June. Kyle will spend six months being trained by Bill Keyes, the current Senior Director of Personnel. Our children will live in an English-speaking setting for the first time in their lives. We will adjust to cold weather and even shoveling snow! We are going to a new place, with new friends, new church, new school, new job, and in some ways a new culture.

We seek your prayers for our family as Kyle hands over the leadership of our team in Guatemala and as we prepare for an international move.

We are thrilled to follow Him in a way we have not gone before!

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