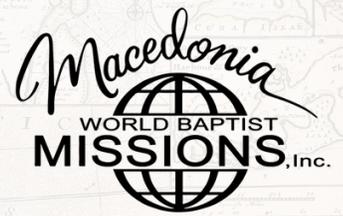


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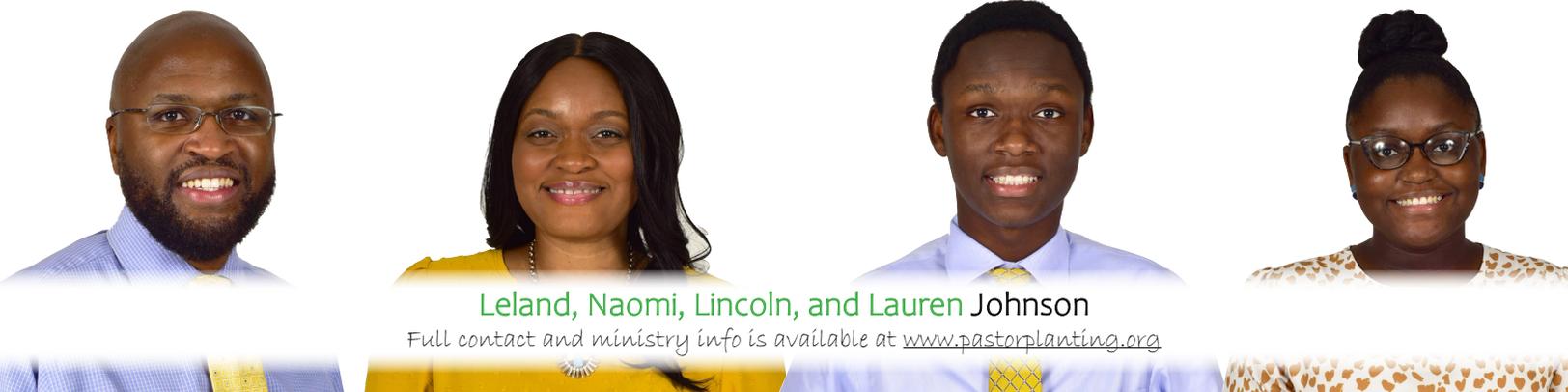
The busiest times of the year for missionaries—mission conference season—occur from February to May and August to November. This has been no exception for us, as we have done about 20 meetings to start the year. God has allowed us the opportunity in these meetings to strengthen existing relationships and form new ones. The greatest part has been establishing new connections with people who are open to God using them in missions.

This past weekend, at Macedonia's Reach the World Youth Conference, I spoke to a group of about 25 adult sponsors who accompanied the young people. During that time, I talked about the fact that, although we often focus on seeing more "young people" called to serve the Lord, God seldom used young people in His Word. Instead, He regularly called "grown folks" with established lives, families, and jobs, to follow Him. Let me give an example to illustrate why this is important so that you know how to pray for us.

Last year, I met a teenager who felt called to serve in the West Indies. We have maintained contact, and I saw him again this past weekend; he is still excited. However, since he is a teenager, we have to wait for him to finish high school and college, then pray that he marries someone with a passion for missions, and then that the devil does not mess things up along the way (Can God do it? Yes, He can!). However, at the same conference last year, one of the youth workers and his wife surrender to go to the mission field. Within that same year, he resigned from his job as a physical therapist, they were accepted by Macedonia as missionaries, began their deputation, and have raised over a third of their needed support. Yes, we need more young people, but we also need adults who can go now and reach those dying without Christ! Pray with us as we are burdened to help adults to see the need to reach the world.

Thank you for your continued prayers for Naomi! The medication she is on continues to work effectively, gradually easing her pain and restoring some strength in her leg. We met with the neurologist last week, and he is pleased with the progress and plans to continue the treatments for another three months.

The summer is going to be busy, as I have several preaching engagements and a full week of orientation with our missionaries scheduled for June. Pray that God grants us wisdom and strength.



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