

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Your giving moves people to the mission field. That is not a small thing. Every church we stand before, every team we take to the field, every missionary we help, begins with your faithfulness. Right now, we have a problem that limits what your investment can accomplish. As we go forward with Deputation and our full-time ministry, we need an appropriately sized, reliable vehicle for our family of three.

Currently, our support percentage stands around **22%**. If we continue at this pace, it will take us approximately **five years** to complete deputation, as we are a non-traditional ministry. So, why is now the time for a new (to us) vehicle? The vehicle we currently own is:

- **Insufficient in Size.** Our current vehicle can only accommodate what we need for about **two weeks** on the road.
- **Limited in Lifespan.** We estimate our vehicle has around **40k miles left** before it becomes unreliable for extended travel. It was not designed for long trips, and we want to be prepared for the direction in which God is leading us. Life on the road is in our present and future.
- **Incapable of Towing.** For our family, deputation represents the beginning of constant travel, not the end. We aim for the ability to tow up to a **22ft travel trailer** with our next vehicle. Towing a trailer when traveling in the states will give my wife and son both a sense of security and consistency in our life and ministry that is constantly on the move. Balancing international and domestic trips with See The Harvest, and going around the country for deputation meetings, necessitates taking “home” with us on the road. A trailer will provide space for us to adequately raise a family, or at least tremendously help us do so. It also opens doors for meetings in places that have nowhere to accommodate missionaries.

We cannot accomplish our ministry goals of getting people to the mission field without staying in front of churches filled with people!

Our goal is to be quality missionaries, remaining focused on our mission and deserving of the support we receive from churches and individuals. When it comes to a missionary's vehicle, **reliability** and **dependability** are paramount. Living life on the road is something most people cannot fully understand unless they've experienced it themselves. We have committed our future to See The Harvest, as we believe it is God's calling for our family. However, I feel that our family is not functioning at its full potential due to the limitations of our current vehicle. A new (to us) vehicle will enable us to:

- **Stay on the Road Longer.** Having the ability to travel with everything we need for at least a month is a game changer. A truck would provide the necessary space for extended trips, significantly increasing our travel range and potentially allowing us to raise support more quickly.

- **Ensure Long-Term Reliability.** Regardless of timing, we need to purchase a new vehicle soon. Our current car won't last forever, as previously mentioned. Why not take proactive steps to prepare for the future God has planned for us? Not worrying about whether our vehicle will make it to the next church alleviates stress for our family and the pastors/churches we are scheduled with. This is not the case now, but we are headed in that direction with our current vehicle.

- **Reach More People.** With an increased travel range, towing capacity, and reliability, we can connect with more churches and individuals. Ultimately, this will lead to:
 - More Christians hearing preaching on missions.
 - More people going on mission trips.
 - More missionaries getting help they need on the field.
 - More people hearing the Gospel.
 - Lord willing, more people surrendering to be missionaries themselves.

Financially, we are unable to afford a vehicle on our own, which is why we are reaching out for assistance from our supporters. We can cover insurance and other potential expenses such as routine maintenance with our monthly support. However, these additional costs mean we would continue relying on the Lord and love offerings to support ourselves alongside our monthly support. The Lord has blessed us with love offerings and gifts throughout the past year of deputation. If we remain in His will, we see no reason for Him to cease His provision now.

This request is for a one-time gift. Setting ourselves up with a vehicle now will, God willing, carry us through raising our support. Our “fully supported” monthly budget will be able to take care of additional expenses that come with an aging vehicle, as well as save for the next vehicle or travel trailer purchase.

Currently, there is **\$3,500** in our vehicle fund at WWNTBM. The projected cost of the used truck we need is about **\$40,000**. If all our supporting churches were willing to give \$1,000 towards this need, we could put over 50% down on a truck. We want to be transparent, \$40,000 is what we need. However, a 50% down-payment is significant. This would be a strong start, trusting God to finance the rest. Churches, would you prayerfully consider giving \$1,000 toward our vehicle fund? If you can give any gift, big or small, it gets us closer to our goal. Gifts can be sent to WWNTBM and designated for the Carden Vehicle Fund.

We simply ask you to **pray**, but if the Lord leads, to give.

For the harvest,

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