

# The Dundons

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## The End of our Deputation!

We're finally here. After three and a half years of raising support, we have reached the end of our deputation and 100% support! Looking back, it's really amazing to see what God has done in our lives in the past few years and what He has taught us. I, personally, have learned many lessons that I will use for our ministry.

### *What we have learned*

Before we started deputation, we were very isolated, especially since I'm deaf. My wife and I used to have full time jobs and served in our sending church in many ministries. However, we did not know anyone outside of those environments. When we first applied to our mission board and slowly started our deputation process, our world began to open up. We met many people and churches, who surprisingly showed us a lot of love and generosity. I learned much from many of the preachers and teachers I have heard from over the last three years, writing down as much as possible. Some notable topics include, missiology, pastoral leadership, prayer, giving, ministry, family, and many others.

It also truly helped me visiting many churches and observing them, learning what works and what doesn't. Drawing from the experiences of other church planters and pastors was extremely beneficial. On top of that, we became parents during deputation. That was just an unexpected blessing (and curveball). What we have learned about our Father and His Word from parenthood alone is indispensable.

Our faith has increased exponentially compared to four years ago. Wherever God leads, He will always provide. I have certainly seen that over and over after we left our jobs and became dependent on God's people for our provision. Our bills and travel expenses were always paid, our vehicle was replace

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twice, and we got a house! Door after door kept opening up for us and we just kept on walking through each one.

I would say that faith is possibly the most important lesson I have learned during this journey. Hebrews 11:1 say “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Note here that faith is called a “substance,” which means that it is a building block. It is the very essence of our Christian lives. We’re supposed to build our faith with more faith, Christ

being the Chief Cornerstone. With this perspective in mind, we can see this same pattern throughout Scripture where we read about each of the lives that God used: Abraham, Joseph, David, and many others. When each of them started their respective ministries, they had just enough faith to get started. By the time their lives were nearly over, they had much greater faith. Their faith faced many challenges throughout their lives and they overcame each one with more faith than they had at the moment. Seeing the pattern in the Bible, I would expect my faith to be challenged again and again until I’m called home. Every Christian should have the same expectation as well, it will help prepare us for whatever comes our way. Even our Lord Jesus Christ had to grow His own faith, culminating at the cross.

In the same passage, verse 3 says: “Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.” Notice that the word “faith” comes before “understanding.” Understanding does not come before faith, but faith always lead to understanding. To try to understand things without the lenses of faith is no understanding at all. Faith does not require understanding (that why it is called faith), but true understanding cannot be accomplished without the light of faith. In essence, faith is the true definition of true enlightenment.

As God made light in the midst of darkness on the first day, let Him create the light in our hearts and minds, as 2nd Corinthians 4:6 so eloquently says: “For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” It starts at our salvation, and only grows brighter afterwards, if we allow it.

I could go on more here, especially with other verses such as Romans 5:1-5 and 2nd Peter 1:5-11 about building our faith. But I don’t want this prayer letter to become a sermon.

*(Ready to solve a plumbing problem!)*





### *New meetings and reports*

During the first two months of 2022, we visited churches in Maryland, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Delaware, Michigan, and New Jersey. Some of those were new meetings but most of them were reports to our supporting churches and giving updates in person on the progress of our ministry.

### *Looking for a meeting place*

We also took advantage of this time looking for a meeting place for our deaf church to meet. We toured several buildings but most of them did not match our criteria. There was one place we called and the pastor of that church said it will cost \$1,500 per three hours of using their property. We said "Thank you" and hung up. Needless to say, we did not call them again!

Back in December, we dropped in at one church near our home without expecting anything, just meeting fellow believers in the area. Less than five minutes after introducing ourselves, the pastor's wife suggested that we use their property without any implication on our part. We were quite taken aback and preferred to speak with the pastor first. He said that he will pray about it and we left it at that. We did like the building immediately after we entered it and began to pray over it.

Several weeks later in January, they actually had a church vote to let us use one of their auditoriums for our deaf church but they didn't have sufficient votes for it to pass. We accepted that and considered it as a door closed then started praying over which other places we should meet, even though they weren't what we were looking for. More than a month later in the end of February, unbeknownst to us, that same pastor contacted us and informed me that circumstances have changed in his church and asked us if they could vote a second time. That is really unusual and unheard of, but we gave him the green signal.

This second time around, the vote passed and we gave the glory to God! Planting this new church has finally begun to unfold before our eyes, years of



*(Aiden's plumber's crack showing off his diaper!)*

faith has started to become reality. We didn't do the hard part, the Lord does that for us. We have the easy part, we pray in faith and He guides us and provides. Truly, He deserves all of the credit.

The church that allowed us to use their building is Maranatha Baptist Church, the pastor is Chris Sievers and his wife, Hannah. Yes, it is inside the city of Philadelphia, within five minutes to the closest train station and the I-95 highway. They're only seven minutes away from our home! The rent is also very affordable, and they completely respect our autonomy as a local church that happens to meet at their property. Please pray with me that the Lord will bless their church for being a huge blessing to us.

### *Support update and prayer requests*

As mentioned, we reached 100% support by the end of February! We're truly grateful to the Lord and for your prayers over these years to fill up our support. Now we ask you to pray for our ministry going forward. We'll send out our next prayer letter and give updates on our grand opening on May 1st shortly.

- Please pray for blessings on Marantha Baptist Church
- Please pray for our ministry

*-Thank you!!*