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May 15, 2017

Dear Family and Friends,

God has been preparing us for such a time as this to serve Him as full time missionaries. We are excited to tell you that we are moving to Meru, Kenya! We are going under the auspices of World Reach, an international missions organization and are being commissioned by our home church, *The Church at Canyon Creek* in Austin, Texas. Our mission will be to help fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

We are passionate about making disciples through teaching God's word. He has gifted Sherry with her teaching background that will enable her to minister to children in the area schools and host Bible studies at the Meru campus. She has been discipling Korean women in our home for six years and looks forward to discipling Kenyan women as well. God has been preparing Bob through discipling men in our home, prison ministry, teaching area Precept classes and also in various Sunday Schools.

Our mission will specifically involve training and encouraging pastors at the *World Reach* Bible Institute, tutoring and discipling the orphans who currently reside at the campus and helping expand the orphanage. We will also build relationships with the teachers/students in local public schools by teaching Biblical principles. In addition, we will begin language classes to learn Swahili (not to mention learning to drive on the left side)! We are looking forward to the challenges ahead. God has put eternity in our hearts knowing what He commands He will also supply. Not in our strength, but by His Spirit.

After 23 years as a home inspector, we will be closing our business effective May 31. Our tentative plans are to then attend a month of cross-cultural training in Waxhaw, North Carolina and a month of training at the World Reach headquarters in Birmingham, Alabama. Following this, we will depart for Kenya for approximately 90 days in late September to get acclimated to our new culture and meet with the Kenyan national staff. In December we will return to the U.S. to take care of last minute preparations and meet with World Reach staff, friends and family before we leave in January, 2018 for our permanent mission.

We ask that you prayerfully consider partnering with us in Kenya. We are truly grateful for YOU whom the Lord has woven into our lives. Would you prayerfully consider becoming one of our partners in God's calling on our lives? Please read the enclosed letter from Tim Prewitt, General Director of World Reach, for some additional perspective and information.

Immediate Prayer needs:

- Staying focused in God's Word
- Sharing our mission and raising our support
- Sell our house in early June
- Learn more effectively the Kenyan/African culture

Slaves of Christ Jesus,

Bob & Sherry
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Today is Monday, May 15, 2017

Dear Friends of Bob and Sherry Smith,

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Board of Directors has appointed Bob and Sherry as missionaries with World Reach. They will serve with our team in the country of Kenya. In this capacity, Bob and Sherry will play a vital role at our two ministry locations: Meru, on the slopes of Mt Kenya and Muthetheni, about 70 miles east of the capital, Nairobi. They are now in a process of developing a team of partners for prayer and financial support. Our goal is to have them fully supported and in Kenya by early 2018.

Like all missionaries with **WORLD REACH, INC.**, Bob and Sherry are required to raise support for their personal and ministry needs as they follow the Lord in this special calling. I am confident you will want to be a part of this step of faith and you can do this in two specific ways:

1. **PRAYER.** I believe that PRAYER HONORS GOD AND GOD HONORS PRAYER. Prayer is the most important thing we can do and must precede anything else we wish to do for the cause of Christ. Bob and Sherry need a strong prayer support team to undergird their ministry.

2. **FINANCIAL SUPPORT.** I want to commend Bob and Sherry to you and graciously ask you to prayerfully consider what role God would have you play in helping meet their financial needs. Your partnership will enable God's calling on their life to be accomplished and sustain their personal household and ministry needs. The World Reach Board of Directors has approved a total budget of \$5,420 per month. This covers salary, insurance, ministry expenses, retirement, administrative fee, transportation and other expenses associated with sustaining them in Kenya. In addition, the Board budgeted \$12,705 in one-time relocation expenses. Bob and Sherry, in my opinion, are deserving of your timely consideration in this calling and will represent our Lord well in this assignment.

Thank you in advance for considering Bob and Sherry for your worthy prayer and financial support. If God leads you to join their ministry team through partnership in prayer and/or financial support, please use the enclosed response card to let us know of your support. We are prepared to receive tax deductible contributions for their ministry effective immediately. Please visit our website at: world-reach.org, click on "Missionaries", scroll down and select "Bob and Sherry Smith" and click on "Support the Ministry of Bob and Sherry Smith" for giving options.

Partners for the King,



Timothy Q. Prewitt
General Director

***WORLD REACH** is a nondenominational foreign mission organization serving fields in East Africa, Central and South America and Europe. Our purpose is to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ by reaching the world with the Gospel through the local church. Our thrust is the establishing and nurturing of churches while training national pastors and lay-leaders.*

***WORLD REACH** honestly and accurately shares the opportunities and challenges that we incur in all areas of this mission ministry. The presentation of needs with potential solutions enables our friends and partners to prayerfully determine their preference in providing for these needs.*

We believe it is our responsibility to provide full information and opportunity to participate in our ministry as God provides motivation for true giving in the hearts of His people.

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