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Dear friends and family,

Leanne and I are coming to you as recently appointed members of Bible Basics International. Having spent most of my life with parents who are missionaries and both

Leanne and I growing up in Christian homes, we have been exposed to missions and the need for missionaries for most of our lives. We have both been on short term missions trips; however, neither of us felt called into full-time ministry. That is, until the mission conference at our home church last February.



**For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Phil. 2:13**

We are blessed to be part of a solid Bible-teaching church whose heart is for missions. The Lord was definitely at work in the circumstances surrounding this conference as it related to Leanne and me. It is a tradition at our church to take the missionaries to lunch after the Sunday service. Elizabeth chose to take my parents to lunch. On that Sunday, my sister Ann had planned an afternoon ladies get together and invited Leanne. It seemed I would be left on my own for lunch when Elizabeth suggested that I come with them. I am convinced that the Lord orchestrated these events. If Leanne were not going to my sister's house, we would have gone somewhere together. If my parents had already left I would not have been part of the conversation at the lunch table. As it turned out I did go to lunch and was part of the conversation.

As lunch was concluding Elizabeth asked my parents about BBI's needs. That is where the Holy Spirit's purpose for arranging the events of that Sunday became clear. My mother responded with a need for staff, specifically in the area of radio program production and editing. Then the Holy Spirit thumped me on the forehead and said this is where I need you. I have been volunteering at church as an audio engineer for about fifteen years, so when something relating to sound came up it got my attention. Later that afternoon, I discussed my experience with Leanne and after prayer and discussion we decided to talk to my parents about the possibility of our becoming missionaries with BBI. From there, things progressed quickly and on April 19 the Board of BBI made Leanne and me their latest appointees.

Leanne and I, as well as our friends and family, are very excited about what the Lord has in store for us. We believe that the experience I have gained from my past jobs and from growing up in a Christian home with my father an engineer, and my mother an accountant, were preparation for this step of faith. I have had a diverse work experience doing everything from auto mechanics to bookkeeping with administration thrown in for good measure. As we embark on this adventure, we would like you to be a part of what the Lord is doing. Please pray for us, that we may receive the Lord's protection. Satan does not want us to serve. Also please pray that we may be able to raise the support we need quickly as BBI's need for help is urgent. If the Lord leads you, please consider whether He would like you to partner with us in His work through prayer and monetary support.

In His service,

*Brett & Leanne*

Brett & Leanne Pruden

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