

West Indies Field Director & Deputation Director



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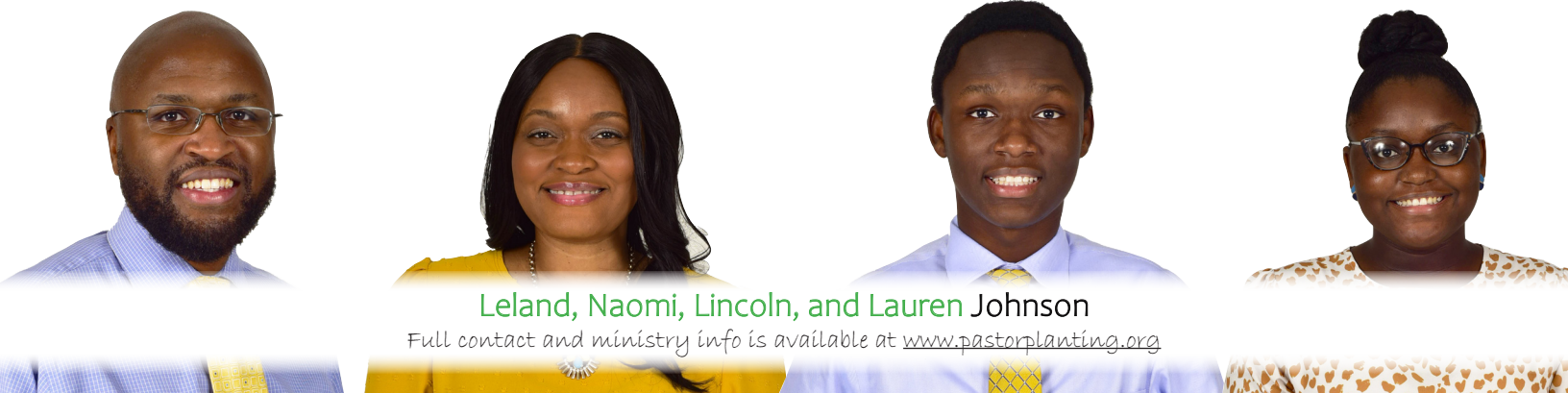
The past several weeks have been as busy as usual, but we found time to get away and celebrate our 20th wedding anniversary. I am so thankful for the wonderful wife God has given me. These last 18 years of ministry would not have been possible without her love and support.

In thinking about the one who has been with me for 20 years, it makes sense to mention the two who are no longer with us after 18 years at home. A few weeks ago, we dropped off both Lincoln and Lauren at PCC for the start of the fall semester. Lincoln had completed his first semester in the spring and was returning, but Lauren was heading off for the first time. It was an emotional moment, especially since we've spent so much time together, especially since going into missions over 10 years ago. We are so thankful for the wonderful children God has given us, and are excited as they move forward in their lives.

In our last letter, I shared the exciting news about our church in Brazil being in the process of starting a new work. That was not the only exciting news God had in store for us. A few weeks ago, I was preaching at a church where another missionary family was present. Their display indicated they were heading to Brazil as missionaries. I immediately turned to Naomi and said, "I bet they're going to São Paulo," since that's where most missionaries heading to Brazil tend to go. (We spent most of our time in Brazil trying to help missionaries understand the needs in the Northeast, the region with the fewest missionaries, and where God called us to serve.)

When I had the chance to speak with Bro. Chandler, I asked him where they were planning to serve in Brazil. He said, "We have been praying about two areas in the northeast of Brazil. One of them is São Luis, and the other is Salvador. Have you ever heard of them?" Salvador is the city where God called us, and where we planted our church! This is a direct answer to our prayers for God to send laborers to the Northeast of Brazil, since we can no longer be there. Please pray for and consider supporting Tyler Chandler as he prepares to head to Brazil.

Also, please be in prayer for our upcoming missions trip to the island of Nevis next week. We are taking several pastors with us and will be working with a church there on the island. The week will be packed with ministry, including outreach in schools, two youth events at the church, and a two-day evangelistic outreach. We are praying that God will move in the hearts of the people on the island and that many people will be saved. Thank you for your continued prayers and support!



Leland, Naomi, Lincoln, and Lauren Johnson

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