

# West Indies Field Director & Deputation Director



December 14, 2024

I cannot believe that the year is almost over. But I can honestly say that we are ready for it to be. We were at our home last Saturday night and it felt strange. When I looked at the calendar, it had been ten weeks since we were not traveling or preaching somewhere on a weekend. (I preached that weekend as well, but it was local.) Things have been busy, but we have seen God working in tremendous ways. Several pastors called me to tell me that their churches have made record-high missions commitments this year! What a joy it is to see that even with record-high prices for a lot of things, people are still committed to reaching the world.

I am thankful that churches are doing more to reach the world, because God is still calling missionaries as well! I am so glad that Macedonia could approve three new missionaries that will start deputation this coming year. This will move the number of deputation missionaries that I am working with to seventeen. However, we are expecting several of those families to leave for the field in 2025 as well!

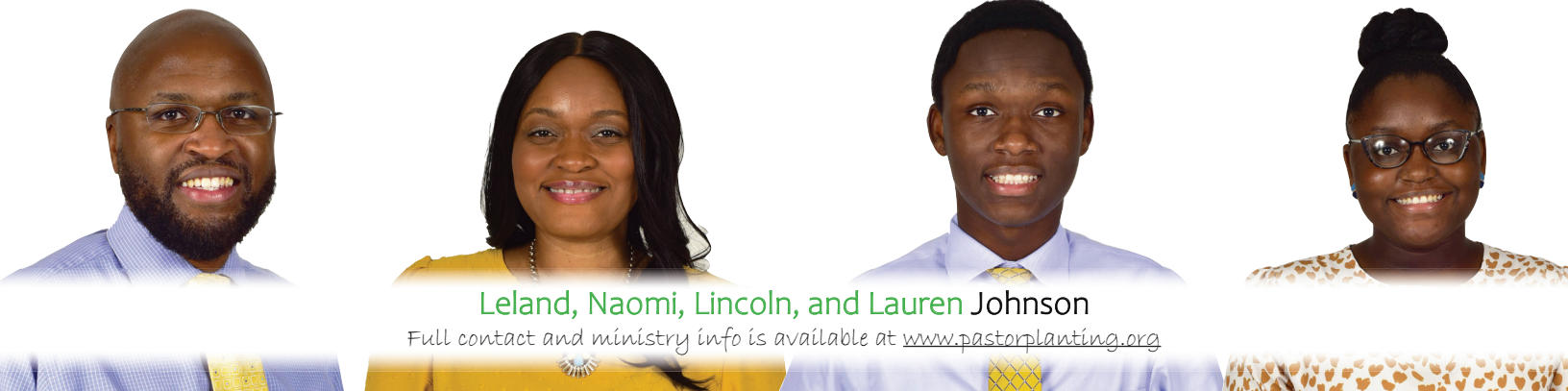
We are also looking forward to 2025 for our church in Brazil. God continues to bless us as we hope to move out of the building we have been renting for the past four years and purchase property. It will be a tremendous expense, but we believe it is the best for the long-term growth of the church. Please be praying that God would open doors for the right location and the finances to purchase it.



We are expecting an awesome 2025 for Missions21 and are currently helping 130+ missionaries connect with pastors all over the USA. We expect that number to grow to over 200 missionaries next year and are expecting over 250 new pastors/churches to sign up as well. We are completing some much-needed upgrades to increase our capacity for 2025 and are so thankful for several churches that have helped financially with that project.

On the home front, we are amazed at what God has done with Naomi's health this past year. She has gone from struggling to travel with me to being able to travel and attend almost every service. She continues to get stronger every day and is looking forward to the day when she does not have to rely on the wheelchair anymore. To God be the glory!

We hope that you all have a very Merry Christmas and a great start to 2025!



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