

# West Indies Field Director & Deputation Director



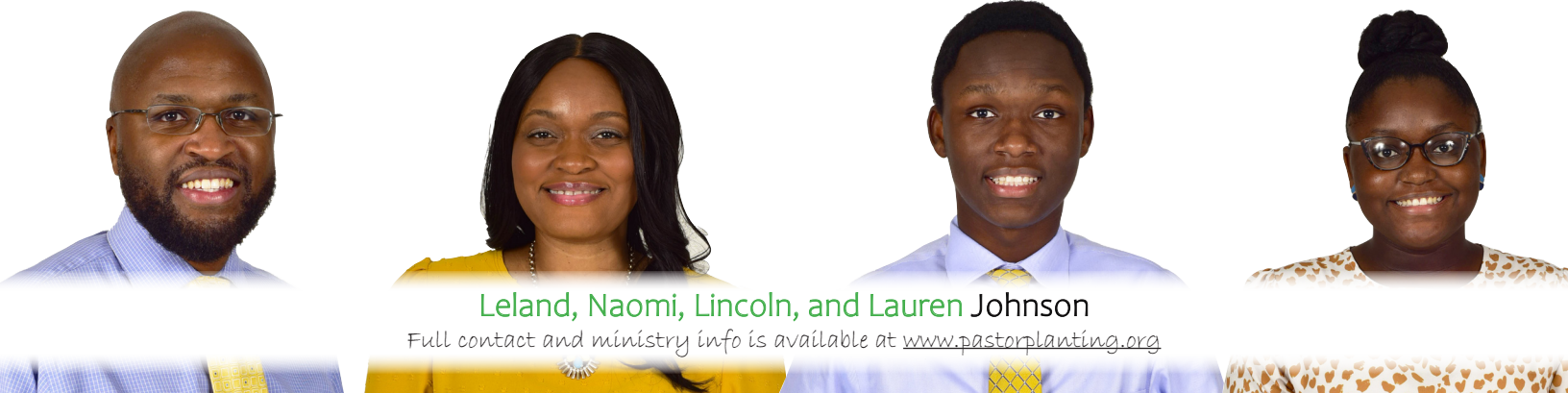
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As a part of my role as Deputation Director, I work with our missionaries who are headed to the mission field by helping them navigate the process of getting there. A few weeks ago, I had the privilege of participating in the departure interview for John David and Sabrina Williams, who will leave for the Netherlands in just a few weeks. This was particularly special as John David and Sabrina were a part of the very first deputation class I did when I started in this role. I would love to credit my incredible training and help for their success; however, the credit lies in their hard work and God's blessing. In any case, we do take joy in seeing one of our first missionaries heading to the field.

This comes at a special time, as we are preparing to host another new missionary orientation with three new missionary families on March 12-14. We are so excited that God is still calling new missionaries to the mission field! We are looking forward to working with the Guzman family, who God has called to the Yucatan peninsula to work with remote tribes; the Hernandez family, who God has called to Guatemala; and the Joseph family who God has called to St. Vincent. Our prayer is that the training these families receive will help them raise the needed support and get to the field quickly.

This orientation falls in the middle of a very busy stretch for us. We will be on the road and in meetings for 24 of the 31 days in March; and the busy schedule continues into April. April starts in Memphis and then leads into a trip to Canada where I have been invited to preach in three churches in the Northwest Territories. That leads right into a missions trip the following week to Long Island in the Bahamas. We are going to see the property I previously mentioned that was built by a missionary. It has been empty for years and a group of us are going to check its physical condition, as well as the spiritual condition on the island. We are praying for a committed couple to fill shoes that have been left empty for too long.

On the family side, Lincoln and Lauren are doing well at PCC (thank you to all those that remind me to include updates on them every so often!). We are so thankful that they have adjusted well to college and are doing well in their education. Naomi continues to strengthen little by little and was even able to attend a service without using her wheelchair (although it resulted in her being down for a few days after!). Thank you for continuing to pray for us and take part in the ministry!



Leland, Naomi, Lincoln, and Lauren Johnson

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