



July 30, 2020

Dear Pastor and praying friends,

Everyone who has ever served in our military is familiar with the phrase “hurry up and wait.” I recall double-timing it from one place to another only having to wait an inordinate amount of time for the appointment. Therefore, I understand the phrase “hurry up and wait.” My wife and I are not in the military anymore, but that possibly describes the times we are in right now. We have hurried through deputation, and now we are waiting for some paperwork and for Spain to open its borders to Americans. During this time I came across a devotional *Waiting on God*, which is very applicable to these times.

COVID-19

On Monday, July 20, my wife and I both tested positive for COVID-19. We had been sick the week prior with fever, chills, headaches, soreness, and fatigue. We had thought we were feeling much better, so we went to get the rapid test. However, we did not get the negative that we desired. So once again it was back to the house and away from people for a little longer. Hurry up and wait. Praise the Lord we had mild cases, and the results of our latest test are negative – and thank you to all who prayed for us!

Paperwork for Spain

We have some good news on our invitation! Two weeks ago we heard from the Lovedays in Spain, and their church will be sponsoring us into the country. We quickly submitted all of our paperwork to them, and they got a signature and presented our paperwork to the Ministry of Justice. They will review our paperwork and confirm that we are missionaries; and then, Lord willing, we will get our invitation from the Spanish government. It will probably be a month or so before we receive this paperwork. So once again, we hurry up and wait.

Family

This is a picture of our grandson, Jaxon. He will be two on August 8. He is going to be a big brother soon as we are expecting another grandson in September! Please pray for our daughter, Bethany Bloom, and her family as they have been in quarantine for well over 100 days in Peru.

Bethany and a friend of hers, Olivia Penrod, have written a children’s devotional with a missionary emphasis. It would be a great way to instill a love for missions in your children. You can find it on Amazon, [Into All the World](#).

Let me leave you with this verse from **Isaiah 40:31** “*But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*”

Thank you for your prayers for us and our ministry. Thank you so much for your faithfulness in giving during these uncertain times; we certainly don’t take it for granted. We are looking forward to getting to Spain and ministering to our military personnel and sharing Christ with them.

Mike Staley

