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Region: South America

Principal Ministry: Church

Sending church: Brockley Baptist

Saying goodbye!

As we finish one season of our lives to start a new one the experience is a bitter-sweet one. Saying goodbye to a church family, community, friends and family. Reminiscing together about the people and issues we care about, giving and receiving prayers and gifts, and sharing our vision for the next few years, has brought our faith in God to a whole new level. Our God is awesome!

Who are we?

We are both Baptist ministers from South East London, who both originate from Barbados and Nigeria respectively. Dave is Pastor of a local church and Michele a Youth Minister. We are passionate about the scriptures, especially in the area of pastoral care, prayer, discipleship and the ministry of the God the Holy Spirit. On our journey together we have had opportunity to gain experience in Chaplaincy, Mentoring, Management, Business, Ecumenism, family support and community work.

Dave was leading Brockley Baptist Church alongside being Borough Dean for Lewisham and Chaplain at Lewisham College. Michele was mainly looking after 3 children (Jonathan, 5, Ruth, 2, and Phoebe, 1) but is also an itinerant preacher, writer, sat on boards of charities, and was a youth ministry consultant mainly to churches.

Our main interests lie in community development. Using our God given gifts and skills in His service, our endeavour is to equip both the individual and community using Kingdom principles. Currently our favourite places to stay are the local playground and the nearest beach!

Getting started

Whilst in training at Oasis College (Michele) and Spurgeon's College (Dave), we both came across BMS missionaries, who have subsequently become our friends. Having always had a desire to be overseas missionaries, we decided to explore this opportunity with BMS as we faced a transition in our family and ministry lives. BMS World Mission is supported by Baptist churches all around the county and dates back to 1792 when people like William Carey first went to India to share the good news of God's love. BMS now works in 35 countries on four different continents, involved in church planting, development, disaster relief, education, health, media and advocacy.

The way forward

We are currently embarking on a period of training at the International Mission Centre in Selly Oak, Birmingham. The training will give us an opportunity to engage in teaching on missiology, cross-cultural mission and development. At the end of the year, we will be working as trainers, pastors and community workers at the Integral Mission Training Centre in Nauta, in the Loreto Region, northern Peru, in the Peruvian Amazon basin.

Peru has a population of 29,549,517 (est. 2012). The main languages are Spanish, Quechua, Aymara, and several other Amazonian languages. BMS has had personnel in Peru since 2005, partnering with the Peruvian Evangelical Baptist Convention (CEBP). Iquitos, the main city in the Loreto Region, is a large town which flourished a century ago, during the rubber boom. It is a typical provincial South American city, with most public services, but not always dependable.

Nauta, 1h 30mins away on the only paved local road, or 1h away by boat along the Amazon, is a smaller, rural, market town with very few local services. There is petty crime, but the place is generally tranquil and easy-going.

There will be many joys and challenges ahead of us this year as we study to prepare. In order that we can be effective in clearly hearing what God has called us to do, we will need your prayer support as a family.

Prayer Points

- Philippians 1:9-11: That we will grow in God's wisdom and love, and that our lives will bring glory to Jesus
- For our extended family and friends to fully embrace what God is doing in our lives, and continue to journey with us
- For us to adjust well to the many changes that are

taking place and thrive in this new season

- Ephesians 1:17-19 That we will gain wisdom from God and that our hearts will be flooded with His light

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