

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

It is with a heavy heart that I must write and tell you that April and I will not be able to leave for Northern Ireland at this time, nor at any time in the near future. I do NOT believe that God has closed the door on ministry in that country. We still have a very strong burden and love for the many friends that we have made in the British Isles, as well as for the millions of souls there who need Jesus Christ.

We are convinced, however, through much prayer, soul searching, and wise counsel, that circumstances which are unfolding in our lives will make it impractical for us to be away from the United States for extended periods of time. When all of this started, I thought that it was simply opposition from the Devil. I am now persuaded that God has been redirecting us. I will continue to serve God in missions ministry, but on a short-term, missionary evangelist basis. We are convinced that this is what God would have us to do, and He is opening doors for us now.

Our situation is as follows: I am an only child. My father is 78 years old. He is suffering from various health-related issues. My mother died several years ago. Dad's primary source of income is his freight shipping company which employs about 60 people. In this recession, his business has been hit like everyone else's. Various former employees have taken advantage of his kindness. April and I have had to step in and take over the running of daily operations of the company. This presented the indescribably difficult choice between Northern Ireland or my father's well being. I am positive that I am following God in doing what I am doing by helping my dad. This also presents a tremendous opportunity for me to use the resources at our disposal to carry out ministry for the Lord.

I hope that you and the church know that your missions dollars were not spent in vain. As a result of your support, at least 10 souls were saved in Northern Ireland, a lady surrendered her life to Christ and is now serving faithfully in her local church in Northern Ireland, and a missionary surrendered to go and is now serving in England.

I hope that the many friends we have made while on deputation will also understand that we do not feel that it would be right to continue to receive your support for a church planting ministry in the British Isles when we will not be conducting such a ministry for the foreseeable future. As I have already said, we will continue in missions ministry, but in a different capacity. We will be helping our friends in the British Isles, taking multiple short-term mission trips during the year, continuing our preaching and teaching ministry in the States and on the web; and we will

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continue to write and publish Christian literature as God has given us the burden. If you would like to continue to receive our prayer updates and support our work, we welcome your support. I realize, however, that many of you will want to invest your money in long-term, church planters. If that is the case, please consider sending your support to either missionary Travis Snode in Ireland, or missionary John Anderson in England. Both are wonderful servants of God and work with Macedonia World Baptist Missions. Also, the home office of Macedonia is sorely in need of support at this time as they assist missionaries in their work around the world. Please prayerfully consider supporting these dedicated servants of God.

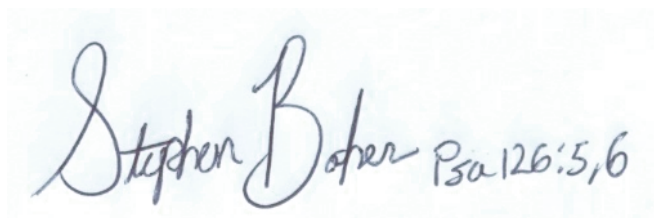
If you choose to continue to invest in our ministry, please make your checks payable to: The Nations For Christ and mail to: The Nations For Christ, P.O. Box 943, Dalton GA 30722.

As a thank you to the churches for all of your faithful support during these tough economic times, my wife and I would like to make a donation to your missions program. This check will equal at least two months of your support to us. You will find the check enclosed.

For any church that has sent special gifts designated for our start-up funds, those gifts have not been spent, and are being returned with this letter. We thank you for your sacrifice and help!

May God bless you all as you continue to serve Him. Please pray for us as we go forward for the Lord in this exciting, new ministry. If I can ever be of help to you or your church, please let me know.

Yours for Christ's Kingdom,



Stephen Baker