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WOW! Four years ago in 2015 after spending time in prayer for where God would send us, we walked through the doors of this incredible church. Pastor Garcia was preaching a message about change and stepping into a new season, leaving the familiar. That was our confirmation that God was sending us here for a season of much healing and rest from ministry. Little did we know that a few months later Charity would be on the praise team, and I would be supervising the TV studio, working the switcher, recruiting camera people, and being a carrier of the house anointing to those watching via the internet. So much for resting from ministry!

In October of 2016 we were asked to step into children's ministry to help transition a change in leadership. I had no idea when I applied for that position a couple months later that I would be resigning from Pasco County School Board and starting a new direction in ministry in January of 2017. What a wild ride it's been over the past two plus years as your children's pastor!

In January of this year, the Church of God asked us to drive over 3 hours south to a small island community and minister in the only church on the island. God was about to surprise us that morning in a tangible way. We had been sensing a shift in our ministry since the beginning of the New Year. That Sunday morning in that small Pentecostal church, God showed up and wrecked all of us. When the altars were opened, every person rushed forward, weeping and calling out to God. Afterwards they offered us the church, which we quickly turned down, advising them to have others come as well to minister. But our hearts were stirred for what we had witnessed, something so similar to what God has been doing here at Grace World. We kept our name in as a potential candidate, waiting to see what God would do. This past Sunday, the church voted on three pastoral candidates, Charity and I received 100% of the vote. (Yes, I'm just as surprised as you all are)

After much prayer, including fasting prior to the vote, and watching God confirm one thing after the other, we have accepted the position as part of God's will. Our heart is to extend to the Southwest area of Florida the revival fires that are kindling here at Grace World. We take with us a hunger to see the power of God hit that island!

So this morning, our hearts are sad, yet full of excitement and hope. We love this church, we love and appreciate our Pastors, Pastor Daniel and Jenna. I like to think that I have some of his DNA in my blood, being a student of past revivals and having an insatiable desire to see God engulf this nation, we take an unquenchable passion with us to south Florida!

Thank you for entrusting your children to our care, from the five week revival we experienced in kids church in March and April of 2017, to our first Helicopter Eggstravaganza that same year, Bible Boot Camp, Kids camp, Fall Festivals, Back to School Bashes, School Bible Clubs, and Christmas Craft Sundays. It's truly been a challenging, fun, exhilarating, exhausting, encouraging, uplifting, mind blowing, fruitful and very humbling experience!

I wouldn't trade the past 2 ½ years for anything, Grace World Outreach Church, you'll see us periodically at your future events, and you'll always be in our prayers. Revival is here and there are no two better leaders to lead this church than Pastor Daniel and Jenna. Cover them, shelter them, stand with them, love them, and especially pray for them! We love you all very much, THANK YOU!

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