



Prayer Requests

- Repairs and renovations to the Parker house.
- Wisdom for when to list our house for sale in Dallastown.
- For God to bless us with good community in Parker.
- Partnership Development: We need to raise monthly financial support from churches and individuals who want to invest in this ministry.

To join our support team

Head to:

www.bcmintl.org/give/

Type in: **Garrett** when asked to "choose your designation*"

Fun Facts

Heather and I both served as full-time missionaries before we met each other.

Cherith has told us she wants to be a missionary when she grows up!



The Short Version

Wow! God has definitely had our family on a pretty wild journey over the last several weeks.

Here's the short version of what's been going on...

Over 25 years ago, my dad and uncle inherited my great grandfather's dairy farm in Parker, PA. Five years ago they inherited my grandfather's house half a mile down the road from the farm. Our family has often talked about a Christian retreat center being built on the property. However, both properties have been sitting vacant all this time.

One afternoon I was walking and praying about life and ministry and God put the idea of the retreat center in my mind. Instead of dismissing it (as usual) I decided to talk with my dad about it. He and my uncle loved the idea, want to see it happen, and offered my family the house! That doesn't happen every day.

Heather and I decided to pray about it, but it just seemed like a dream. Also, I love my job as the NextGen Pastor at Living Word and I don't know how to build things. So there wasn't a huge desire to move.

But...

Two weeks after the conversation with my dad, a missionary named Carlos randomly (or sovereignly) showed up at our church. Heather and I met him in 2009 while leading a mission trip to Peru. Carlos walked up to me, I realized it was him and said, "*Carlos, what are you doing here?*" And he said, "*I came to see you!*" Later that week we got coffee.

During our conversation it became clear God was nudging Heather and I toward full-time missions with **BCM (Bible Centered Ministries) International**. Their mission is to *Reach Children and Strengthen the Church*. Two things I'm very passionate about, and of course, those are two things God is very passionate about. Over the next few weeks I had several conversations with the leadership at BCM.

As I met with BCM and heard their vision for someone to take ownership of their leadership development curriculum and training for their missionaries around the world, I felt they were describing my dream job. And...

BCM has camps and **retreat centers** all over the world!

While our family wouldn't be focused on building the retreat center in the very near future, this step would allow our family to be in ministry together, and gives us the opportunity to move to Parker, PA. I'll be able to work remotely and will only be an hour and a half from the Pittsburg airport for when I need to travel internationally. There have been so many more God-moments that have affirmed this transition, but this is the short version ☺