

August 31, 1999

Dear friends,

Joyful greetings in the name of the Lord! Last December, I was introduced by Dr. Don Sisk to a young lady by the name of Hannah Bragg. Through that first short meeting, the Lord did a work in my heart, and we began corresponding. Although it was more than four months before we would meet again, it was through letter writing that we began our relationship. More than anything, we both wanted God's will in our lives and in our relationship. In the course of time, God showed both of us that it was his will that we plan to join our lives together in His service. It was on August 23, 1999, that we became engaged to be married. Our wedding is to be Friday, December 10, 1999. I am thankful that God saw fit to give me such a sweet and wonderful young lady to be my wife who desires to serve the Lord on the mission field. Hannah will be going with me to a people who are in many ways similar to those she grew up with in Senegal, West Africa as a missionary child. We are rejoicing together in what God has done in our lives. We are eagerly anticipating serving together soon in the Dominican Republic!

It is our desire to be able to leave for Spanish language school in the first part of 2000. If we are able to leave soon after we are married, it would help us to avoid the otherwise unnecessary costs of continuing deputation and establishing a stateside residence. For this to occur, we need your financial support. We are asking that you please pray and consider helping us with regular financial support so that we will be able to leave as quickly as possible!

In my last prayer letter, I asked you to pray concerning finding a good language school. We have found a school that we believe will suit our needs very well. For ten months of Spanish language training, our combined tuition expense will be just over \$7500 not including room or board. If you are able to make an extra gift to help us cover this expense, it would be much appreciated. Please pray for us that language school will be a profitable time for us to establish our marriage and to draw closer to the Lord.

Thank you for all of your prayers and support. May the glory and honor be to God!

Rejoicing in Christ,

Luke Townsley  
Proverbs 3:5,6