



UPDATE #6:

We are back in Nebraska now, and in Cambridge (Brad's hometown). We have been INCREDIBLY blessed to be able to have the same vehicle that we had been given during our last furlough (we call it "Rocky"). Our friends VERY generously and graciously gave it back to our family for a vehicle. It is a good vehicle that can fit our family perfectly. Also, we were able to drive ourselves

back to Nebraska-because the car was already in Colorado-where we were flying into! We are very grateful to God for the way He worked this all out.

We have finally finished with our 2 week “self-quarantine”!!! And thankfully, it seems that no one caught the “Corona virus” on the airplane (or anywhere else in between places). Apart from our allergies acting up a bit, we seem otherwise healthy overall.

This “self-quarantine” also provided a perfect opportunity for rest, relaxation, rehabilitation, and reflection...coming from Kenya to America.

We are all of course, very happy to be able to feel “free” and out of quarantine. But it actually was a blessed time over the past 2 weeks to see and experience the love of God, through His people, in a different and special sort of way than we would normally. We had the unique opportunity to stay in a “bunkhouse camper” at the local church/along with the church house as our quarantine location. We have always wanted to try living in a camper...and this was a perfect trial period! This was fun for our family to have this unique need fulfilled in such a special and personal way. We were also able to see the Lord’s love and personal care in SO many other ways too! We would literally step outside to find all kinds of gifts outside our doorstep (garden vegetables, hot meals, coloring books/crayons, reading books, frozen meat, etc.).

Our own personal families have been an incredible blessing to us during this time as well. They continue to show SO much support, love, help, and encouragement. We are grateful to God to have family (by blood AND by the blood of Jesus) who have shown SUCH kindness, love, care, and support for

our family. We have been “blown away” by all of the encouragement and understanding we have been blessed to receive from others during this time.



One of our “highlights” has been seeing and spending some time with the pastor of our sending church (Pastor Dan: from Grace Calvary Church in Ship Bottom, New Jersey). While on their way through, Pastor Dan and his son stopped at Brad’s mom’s house, in Cambridge, Nebraska to see us! It was SO good to get to see them face to face, and even give them a hug! We have ALWAYS been blessed by the relationship between our sending church, Pastor Dan and his family, and ours. In the same way, we have been SO blessed and encouraged by each and every other supporting church, friend, and family

member. It is just something so special that the Lord has knit together, that we hope will always be a special “tie.”

This particular visit was an unexpected and extra special blessing for our family; because we were not able to stop through New Jersey on our way back to Nebraska this time. So, Pastor Dan tried to capture a little video to share with our sending church back in New Jersey. Of course, we would love to see EVERYONE again one day (Lord willing, before heaven), and to say “THANK-YOU” in person, for EVERYTHING you have ever done and been for our family. But we just don’t know the Lord’s plan yet, regarding how all of this may play out someday: regarding planning and timing? But we would want you to know just how much you mean to our family. We love you. We appreciate you and ALL that you do/have done for our family. We are so very grateful to God to be able to know you, and to call you our friend. Thank you for your faithfulness to “follow along” with our family, as we walk this journey with Jesus, and to pray with us and for us, every step of the way.

Still one (sometimes slow and small) step at a time...still SO much more to figure out. But God is good, and we are experiencing HIS faithfulness every step of the way. We know He is going before us to prepare a way...and we are looking to HIM for answers and leaning on HIS wisdom and understanding. We would appreciate your continued prayers for our whole family as we still have SO many different things that we have to learn and do.

School started already on August 12th, but our kids will start school August 24th (Lord willing). We still have to do some things between “quarantine” and new routine!? Ellie will also be starting school with them. Ellie got a job as a

“para” at the same school (a type of “helper”). To work at the school was EXACTLY what Ellie was wanting! We had been talking, hoping, and praying that some sort of position might open up to at least work at the same school (if the kids were going to go into the public school), and she needed to work outside the home. Just after we arrived, we got a message asking if we would be interested in helping at the school. As it turns out, the school was looking for people for this position, and it does not require any special credentials/certificates! It is full-time, but it will be the same hours and schedule as the kids, so she can be home with them when they are home. We are really blessed by this personal provision from the Lord’s hand! We are hoping and praying that this will be a BIG help and blessing for our whole family, because it will all be so different from what we are all used to. We know this will not necessarily make things easy: change can be challenging. But it is quite clearly evident that this was the work of the Lord, and ALL the prayers that have been happening on our behalf. So, thank YOU for praying for our family! We are VERY grateful to God for this opportunity: to fit our family needs, and please pray for Ellie to be used of the Lord in the lives of others, at the school and otherwise!

Brad would love for our family to be able to still stay in some form of “formal/official” ministry, if this is possible. We are waiting on the Lord to open up the doors, if this is indeed HIS will for our family right now. We are really glad and grateful for at least one of us to be able to have a more flexible schedule, at least for our first bit back, to be there in a very present way to help ease this transition to a new way of life. But Brad is of course, willing and ready to do whatever he needs to do to be the avenue God uses to provide for the family. Please pray for clear direction and guidance for our family in seeing doors as “open or closed” in these regards, without question or confusion.

Thank you for your faithfulness to pray for our family, and to ask how we are doing. Our hearts and faith are being VERY encouraged by you, through this transitioning time. May "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace." Much love to you!

Love in Christ,

Brad and Ellie Harris and family

(Rachel, Ben, Ruth, Beka, and Rose)

We would also love to hear from you, anytime! (Just please be patient with us as we try to get back with you as soon as we can). Here is our current contact information:

We will be staying w/Brad's mom again for a while...until we can find our own place. Her address is:

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And you can still contact us through Facebook @ Brad-Ellie Harris

Or find us on the “Tentmaker’s Bible Mission” website