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Dear friend:

There's really big news on our side. The leap of faith we took to move to the US was not sheer madness after all. There's method to the madness. We will need your prayers more than ever!

The whole world

I (Johnny) have been named the international director of INSTE. This means that we get a shot at serving the church of the whole world! This is a golden opportunity to further the Great Commission at a whole new level. Now we have to dream of discipling the church and train leaders not just in Latin America, but in Africa, Europe, Asia and North America. It is an opportunity beyond our wildest of dreams.

The dream team

I will be working with a top team: the continental directors for Africa, Europe and Asia. We cannot begin to describe what it means to be working with leaders of this caliber. They are people who have paid a great price, and are committed to serving the church come what may. They are tried and true. My assistant for Latin America will be part of the team, though he requested not to receive the responsibility as Iberoamerican director until two years from now.

A most important week

The international team will meet in Des Moines in the middle of August for a week of consolidating the team, evaluating our strengths and weaknesses, establishing where we need to go from here, and what we need to do to get there. One of the biggest objectives of that week together is to prepare a strategic plan for the next five years.

How do we feel?

Excited, scared, expectant. We have to depend on Jesus beyond anything we have had to up to this point. But we are certain that this is His hand, so we trust the results will be His doing.

Thank you for believing in us

We are thankful to you for making it possible to come to this point. There is going to be real exciting news in the future. Please pray for us!

In Jesus' love,