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Dear Friends and Family of the Carwells,

David and Patricia have started their furlough and are looking forward to sharing their lives and ministry with you, until their return in January. They have served God faithfully in Haiti, and will be missed by all of the MAF Haiti staff as well as by the close friends they have made through their kind friendship and ministering spirit. What makes them unique is that they use their God-given gifts and talents to help further God's Kingdom wherever they are placed.

Patricia is a blessing to others through her gifts of hospitality, compassion, and service. Her hospitality really shines in her sharing of meals with others and having overnight visitors. Her compassion is an encouragement as she enables a few American families to financially support some Haitian widowers in need. She also distributes vitamins and offers education to people who suffer from anemia as a result of poor nutrition. Patricia's spirit of service is manifested by her hosting a ladies' Bible study on Tuesday afternoons as well as being a part-time office manager at Quisqueya Chapel. Her duties at the Chapel include handling the church finances, overseeing two employees, and working on various projects.

As you probably know, David carries a real spirit of professionalism about him, especially as a pilot and mechanic. Because of his serious attitude towards safety, he has helped MAF-Haiti maintain a 22-year impeccable safety record in our aviation operations. Also, David has a great servant's heart as shown by his leading a weekly Bible study, and being active in his local church, Eglise de' la Community Evangélique d'Haiti (ECEH). David's involvement in ECEH Church includes: serving on the evangelism committee, playing trombone, singing in the choir, and helping out with the sound system and other technical aspects as needed. Besides all this, they both share a heart for their neighbors by spending time with them and building relationships. Many of these neighbors have no knowledge of Christ, and therefore David and Patricia are the only "Christ" they may ever see.

From all that I have mentioned above, you can see why this special couple will be dearly missed back here in Haiti. They have a special story to share about their lives and ministry, and I am confident that you will be encouraged, challenged, and blessed by what they share.

Matthew 9: 35 summarizes Christ's approach to ministry as being "holistic," i.e., meeting people where they are physically as well as spiritually, which is the most effective way to change Haiti at its heart. I am convinced of Haiti's need for Christ-like attitudes of selflessness, forgiveness, compassion and love to be modeled by each of us here, for the Christian message contains the cultural healing which can transform this country. David and Patricia are a vital and effective part of this important transformation.

Let's pray together that they will have safe travels, be well received by each of you, and that those of God's choosing will join hands in partnership to help them continue to carry out their calling and service to Christ in Haiti. Enjoy this time with them; refresh them; and then send them back to us!

Serving together,

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