Moving to Europe...

A brief history:

3 years ago when we took the role of Regional Director for East Africa the region was expanding. There were missionaries in 3 countries and 2 more countries had missionaries on the way. Because of unforeseen circumstances, God redirected the missionaries in 4 of these 5 countries. When the region shrank to one country with only 5 missionaries, we began seeking the Lord's guidance to see if He was redirecting.

Same role, different region:

We absolutely love serving missionaries and wanted to continue serving as a Regional Director. When the need for a Regional Director in Western Europe became known, we began praving about this opportunity with ABWE leadership to see if it would be a good fit. **After much**

prayer and counsel, we accepted the role of Regional Director for Western Europe.

We will be moving to Lisbon, Portugal this July and overseeing the 100+ ABWE missionaries in Portugal, Spain, France, England, Ireland, Germany, Norway and Italy. There is still a great need for the gospel in these Post-Christian

countries. We are very excited to have the opportunity to build into missionaries in Western Europe!

Walk by FAITH (Step by Step):

God's ways are *definitely* not our ways (Is. 55:8-9). *Our* plans were to stay in Africa. This change has taught us to walk with Him more than ever before. We knew we needed to transition, but didn't know *where* we would move or *what* we would do. But we started taking steps toward change. We now better understand God's command to Abram: "Go to the land I will show you". **He shows us** *one* step at a time. After we take a step, He reveals another. We walk step by step.

A Challenge:

Has God challenged your heart to get involved in ministering to others? (It could be in your church or across the globe.) If He has, don't wait until you know all the answers. Take the first step. He will faithfully lead & equip you to do ministries you never expected. And when He does, He receives the glory!

Pray:

- That we and our girls will adjust to life in a new country.
- That we will be a blessing to the missionaries in Western Europe.
- · That God will use us to advance the gospel.
- That God will help us learn Portuguese.
- That God will provide the finances for the move.
- That our visas will be processed quickly so we can move in July.

P.S. Nothing will change on how donations are sent in to ABWE.

Serving together,

The Farrans



Help us move to Portugal

A few people have asked how to help. Here are a few ways to get involved if the Lord leads:

1. Moving Expenses:

This is our greatest one-time need right now. Thankfully, our monthly support is going to stay about the same, but we will have the unexpected one-time costs of moving to Portugal.

Some of the costs are: Plane tickets (\$4,000), Container (\$5,000), Housing items (\$3,000), Visas (\$2,000).

Total estimated cost: \$14,000. In check memo write "Farran moving".

2. Notes of Encouragement:

This will be our girls 2nd international move in under 3 years and they are leaving the country, friends and school they love. The girls are doing well with the move, but **any notes of encouragement (even from your children) to let them know you are praying for them would be a great blessing.** (Abby - 15, Emily - 14, Natalie - 8). Notes can be emailed to: kfarran@abwe.org

3. Personal Gift:

Having lived in Africa for 11 years, we own very few warm clothes! (It rarely drops below 75F here in Tanzania.) To keep from freezing in Europe we need to buy warmer clothes (boots, long sleeve shirts & jackets) for us and our girls. Purchases of clothing come from our personal funds. **If you would like to give a small personal gift it would help cover some of these costs incurred by our family.** (In the check memo write: "Farran personal gift". NOTE: Personal gifts are not tax deductible.)

Thanks for prayerfully considering how you can partner as we move to Portugal and begin ministering to the missionaries in Western Europe!

Checks can be made out to ABWE. Send to ABWE, PO Box 8585, Harrisburg, PA 17105 Online giving: <u>farran.abwe.org</u>

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