

## Update from the Pastor's Desk

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As I write this I just recently heard from a family member who had a health scare. I'm violently reminded about how fragile life is. In the context of everything that has happened with the loss of our dear Pastor Joanne 13 months ago, I am once again reminded that life truly is temporary. What if we really lived our lives out of that realization? My prayer for me and every person reading this is that the Lord will help us always remember that every moment with our children, spouses, friends, church members, and folks from the communities in which we live and work is a precious moment. The Psalmist said, "Lord remind me how brief my time on earth will be...each of us is but a breath." We are praying that Heart & Soul will be a church that ministers out of that sense of urgency. That every person we encounter will receive our love and our care so they, in turn, can love and care for others. In this way, to build champions for Christ. Champions that will bring transformation. We don't want to stay the same. We want to be transformed by the Father and see Him transforming every family and neighborhood in the community He has called us to reach. It all starts with the realization that this world is not our home.

So I am thankful for all the lives God allowed us to touch through

our thanksgiving outreach this past November. Folks came to our church building, received coffee or hot chocolate, treats, prayer and a wonderful thanksgiving basket. We served over 100 families. I am also thankful for our Christmas celebration. We saw many families and individuals from our surrounding streets come and enjoy a special Christmas service as well as a Christmas meal afterwards. People are coming to Jesus. Some are returning back to him. God is at work. God is doing amazing things on our adopted street, Burbank. We continue building relationships and God is opening doors every time we step onto that street. Children continue to be fed spiritually and physically every Sunday. The teens have recently begun to have classes on Sunday mornings again. Good things are happening in the inner city of Rochester!

By way of update, our family is doing well. Sara Sofia is growing up too fast for daddy. She is almost walking and saying the most beautiful word in the world, "Papa." Daniel is also doing very well at home, school, and on the basketball court! It's a joy to watch him play basketball and see Sara looking for him out on the court.

We need God! He is the One that can do the healing and transforming work in our families and our communities! Your prayers and support allow us to fulfill God's call to build champions in His name! Thank you!



Louis Colón  
Pastor



## Faith & Finance

Thank you Brian & Carol for giving us the opportunity to learn about Faith & Finances. Now I can accurately teach my husband and children about money management without second guessing myself. I enjoyed the skits, they brought fun to the class. Along with all of the teaching, they helped us to open up to each other. These are the changes I have made today upon taking this class:

1. I have cancelled my bank account that had a \$12.00 monthly service fee and I moved to a Credit Union with zero charges.
2. Negotiated with my Credit company to reduce my Interest rate
3. Learned that there is happiness in simple living as long as we allow Christ to take the lead in our finances.
4. Actively recorded every transaction

I pray that everyone (including myself) who took the class will put the practices into action and let God's wisdom lead.



Julia Lenkoane-Miller

*Eleven individuals completed this twelve-week program that wrapped up on January 22nd. The class was taught by Brian & Carol Babcock.*

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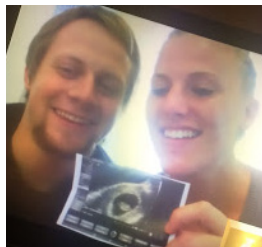
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## Update from Mike & Andrea

Dear Heart and Soul Family,

As you may know, our time in Argentina is coming to a close. We are in the final stretch of our initial 2 year commitment. If you did not read our blog, a quick update for our future plans: We are finishing up with OM Argentina, coming to the US for some months, and then switching over to Free Methodist World Missions and going to Uruguay. That is only a nutshell, as we would love to sit down with you and talk more about what God has done with us in these 2 years and what we believe is in store for our near future. We are writing to give you some more details about our time in the US, or at least as much as we have 'nailed down', and to give you advance notice that we want to meet with each of you, fellowship, catch up, and talk about your continued support. We know a lot has changed over 2 years and more than anything we want to see what God has done with and through you while we were away.

So here goes the tentative schedule for our time in the US: We plan on arriving mid-March to Michigan. We are planning on staying with Mike's parents in Grand Rapids, and West Michigan will be our base of operations while we are there. We will stay there for about a month until mid-April, so our hope is to meet with our supporters in Michigan in that month. After that, we will head to Rochester until roughly the end of July. We will likely be staying at Andrea's parents in Victor, so the east side of Rochester will be our base of operations in New York. July is when things get interesting and complicated. July will be fairly hectic for us, as we



are expecting a little Green to be added to the mix in the first week of July and Andrea's brother is getting married in the middle of July.

Our plan is to meet individually with our partners in NY during May and June. Shortly after the wedding, we will head back to Michigan so Mike's parents can enjoy their first grandchild. We will stay

there until the middle of December, squeezing in any final Michigan meetings and allowing Mike to continue the tradition of watching a Star Wars movie on the big screen with his dad/family. After Star Wars has been released, we will head back to Rochester for Christmas and stay there until we leave for Uruguay in January of 2016. We plan to make a southern state tour again, with stops in Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, and possibly South Carolina. The dates of that are yet to be decided, but probably it's looking like October time frame.

So that was our rough time frame for time in the US. As I stated we wanted to meet with each and every one of you. Our time will mostly be occupied by that, but we have a few other things on the radar for our time there. We plan on doing some training with the FM church and Andrea also wants to do some training with her mom and business partner for social entrepreneurship. Also during the summer months Mike will try to find a temporary job hopefully doing landscaping, so we can pay for some expenses and not be on 100% support the whole time there. Because we'll be meeting and traveling frequently, we need to be able to find part time jobs that allow for some flexibility in working hours. After the baby, Andrea will likely try to substitute teach in Grand Rapids and Mike will become a stay at home dad. This is for the same reasons, to cover expenses and because of its flexibility.

So as you can see, we have a whirlwind of a year in front of us. We would appreciate your prayers in this year that we're calling our year of change. We can't thank you enough for the place you have in our lives and we hope that you will prayerfully consider staying on our team as we go forward. Keep your eyes open for messages about solidifying meeting times, or just hangout times, and we'll be in contact soon.

We love you all.



In Christ,  
Mike and Andrea

*Mike & Andrea Green have been serving as missionaries in Argentina for the past two years with Operation Mobilization.*



## Spreading Some Love

On the second Sunday of each month we have been visiting Burbank, our adopted street, with members of Eastside FMC. This month, the children of Heart & Soul made cookies and Valentines that were handed out on Burbank. We're excited about having even the youngest members of our church family take part in serving and loving on our neighborhood.

Although there are significantly fewer doors that are opened during these cold, snowy months, it's encouraging to see how most of those we do come in contact with are happy to see us. We're grateful that God has allowed us to establish an overwhelmingly positive reputation with those who live on the street.

## Tax Season at H&S

In the spirit of being financially responsible, Heart & Soul has welcomed the non-profit Empire Justice's C.A.S.H. (Creating Assets Savings and Hope) program to offer free tax preparations for low income families.

C.A.S.H. is a free tax preparation service available to those who live in Monroe County. It has returned countless Earned Income Credits to households that fall under the programs requirements at no cost.

Clients have to make less than \$40,000 AGI (or less than \$55,000 AGI if they have dependents) to qualify for the program.

Heart & Soul's CASH program will be opened every Saturday from February 7th to April 11th, 10am to 3pm. Call 342-7970 to set up an appointment or visit [heartandsoulchurch.com](http://heartandsoulchurch.com) for more information.

## The Vision of Heart & Soul

Building Champions through a Gospel Revolution that brings Transformation to our family, community, city and world.

## Leadership

Pastor: Louis D. Colón  
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