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Greetings friend,

This is what you're afraid it is; one of those awkward missionary support letters. Those guilt-inducing, arm-twisting letters that are subsequently proceeded by an even more awkward "follow up call." Haha! We know it's not always that bad, but we've been on the receiving end, and at times have been surprised by how we are left feeling. So, before we get into how you can support us and our ministry, we want to address that bizarre feeling. We don't want anyone to feel guilty into giving. We assume you are already giving to good things and everyone can't give to everything. We know that! Think of this letter more as an invitation to collaborate with us in our mission. That's the first thing we wanted to clear up. Pressure's off!

THE MINISTRY IN A NUTSHELL- Discipleship & Compassion

So, eight years ago we founded this organization. As an African, I (Allan) believed God wanted to use us as a bridge to join people in the West with effective ministry in Africa, serving the poor. We wanted people to be discipled in authentic relationships as we proclaim and portray the gospel. So alongside local churches, we have been caring for widows, orphans and the marginalized; empowering them and learning together. We have been discipling our year-long volunteers (Westerners and Africans) with the goal that after a year, they are ready to be agents of change wherever God takes them next.

Over the years we have done a lot of great things together. We have tutored kids, taught; ESL, computers, photography, small business practices, nutritional cooking. We have led youth camps, done medical missions, prison ministry, restored widows homes, coached soccer, planted gardens, visited house-to-house and loved our neighbors in so many ways. Most importantly, we have seen people's lives change! Investing in, building up, encouraging, equipping and loving people, people, people. That's what its all about!

“Africa will be transformed by leaders; servant leaders who are humble followers of Jesus. People who live out compassion, discipleship and God's Kingdom faithfully and daily.”

There is so much more to it. The "how we do it" part gets complicated (and awesome) but you can read more about that on the website www.africarevolution.org.

While we (the Greigs) lived in Africa (and hope to again someday) we now go back for short periods. We spend most of our time in the States doing admin, mobilizing, recruiting staff and volunteers, networking, developing the ministry and of course, fundraising. It's a lot honestly, overwhelming most days. But every time we go back, we are inspired to

keep this grassroots effort going. It still amazes us that we get to lead this ministry that is not only caring for orphans, widows and the urban poor, but is developing servant leaders/followers that believe the Gospel can change lives now and for eternity. We get to demonstrate and declare the Gospel. What a privilege to join people in communities where God is at work, redeeming, restoring and healing. We told you it is ridiculously amazing.



DISCIPLESHIP AND COMPASSION

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Money isn't fun to talk about...BUT!

So the way this missions gig is set up, makes it inevitably weird to talk about money and giving. Almost every missionary in the world hates this part of the job! And surveys say this is the number one reason given by my generation, as to why they don't want to do missions or be a missionary (true story). But having raised support for eight years, we have come to understand it a little differently. Yes, asking for money still does stink at times, but realizing that we cannot do this work on our own, and God designed it that way on purpose, is kind of cool. Humbling, but cool. It's powerful to know that we have friends going to cubicles every day, working their tails off, and giving generously and sacrificially to us so that we can work to see this vision come to fruition. Mostly it makes us feel like we're not alone. We're a killer team that consists of amazing people all over the place who are playing their part in the mission. They are a vital part of it. They care about us, and they care about God's work in Africa. They care and are in the thick of it with us.

Raising Support

The bottom line is; it takes money to do ministry. In reality, it takes a lot of money to do ministry. Airplane tickets, admin, transport, cheeseburgers, etc. are all real costs in doing the work. So right now we are basically looking to "up" our family support as we say in the missions biz. All our staff and Western volunteers raise support, and so do we. We desperately need to do this as our family has doubled in size since the last time we raised support. Not only that, but our family goes through far more diapers and peanut butter since the kids came along.

Where are we at now?

Currently we are about 65% funded.

Being fully funded would give us a consistent budget and help us be more effective in our ministry. And it would be nice to be able to fill our gas tank *all* the way up. We need monthly supporters willing to be part of our team. We ask our financial supporters to pray for us and be advocates for us and the ministry. We need people who are willing to get behind us and commit to be in the thick of it with us. Consider joining the familia. Join the revolution!

What should you do?

If you want to join our team; get on our support webpage (www.africarevolution.org/donate/) and decide which giving method works for you (EBT, check in the mail, paypal etc). And yes, all donations are tax deductible!

If you are unable to join us at this time we totally understand. If you want to hear more or get together to chat, give us a call or come on over. We actually LOVE getting a chance to talk through the what and how of AR. Well that's it for now.

Pray for us. Be in touch. Follow us and our kids on Instagram and the Facebook.

Follow close, follow hard

The Greigs- Allan, Annie, Judah(4yrs) and Skylah(2yrs)

"I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people." -Philemon 1:4-7

