Stovers to Germany

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- * Meetings in May and June
- * Fill in July with local meetings
 - * God to use us
 - * Healthy pregnancy
- * Churches to take us on support
- * Lena's green card application
 - * Safety in travels
 - * Us being apart
- * Vehicle/trailer maintenance

On the Road but Apart

These past two months found us based at our home church, Odenton Baptist Church, which has taken such great care of us during these weeks of shutdown. Praise the Lord for not being away on the road across the States when all this started. I had the opportunity to lead music for our online and drive-in services and host a zoom Bible study of Ezekiel. What a privilege to serve Him and be a part of the ministry during these uncertain times! One thing we know, He is in control and can bless!

We have received Lena's travel advance parole. What a surprise to get it during the time of shutdown! All by your prayers!

As the United States begins to open up, our schedule looks like it will be resuming the second week of May. While it is exciting to be back to traveling and meetings, it isn't all good news, unfortunately. The doctors working with Lena's pregnancy have all but forbidden her to travel. There are some concerns, but both mother and baby are fine; in fact, we just had an anatomy scan and Baby Stover is completely healthy. However, they are thinking about what long travel could do, and are worried about her being far away if more complications arise. We have consulted with men of faith and have prayed to our loving Father. We believe it is His will for her to remain in Odenton while I continue to hold our meetings. It is the first time we have been apart. We have God's peace in the matter, but pray that God would comfort our hearts, that churches will be understanding, and God will get all the glory.

That said, the road ahead leads me to Texas and Arizona, so at least Lena gets to avoid the heat of the south during her pregnancy. We have a full schedule for May and most of June. There are two Wednesdays in June we could fill; pray that we would fill them.

We would like to say a special thanks to First Baptist Bible Church (Glendale, AZ) and Landmark Baptist Church (Carlsbad, NM) for allowing us to present via video while everything is shut down. It was different, to be sure, but we still had a good time interacting with church members over chat.

We appreciate having so many of you lift us before the throne of grace every day, and we know that God hears and provides because of you!

In prayer,