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19 de February 2006, I remember like it was yesterday when Ary stood outside of the plane and took a picture of the São Vicente airport and said we are here in Cape Verde. Since then, we served God together for seventeen years until God called him home. Ary and I loved to serve God anywhere He wanted us to serve him. We love the Capeverdian people, we rejoiced to see many of them come to know Jesus as their personal Savior and others serving the Lord with us. After Ary passed, I didn't feel that God was calling me off of the field, so I have continued to serve the Lord here for almost three years. I have always enjoyed the children's hugs and kisses, and most of all to teach them lots of Bible songs, Bible verses and Bible stories. I also love to teach the ladies, do crafts, visit with them, and have fun talking and eating together. All this has been possible by the grace of God and with strong spiritual and financial support for many support churches and friends. I'm so grateful for the love, care, and support from each one of you, and I always mention each one of you before the Lord. Those many years of service to the Lord have been a great blessing in my life, I have seen God do so much wonderful things in the lives of the people in Cape Verde and also in the country, especially in the island of São

Vicente. Today our church has a national Pastor, Pastor Edson Silva. He and his family have come from the capital where they're from.

For the last three years I have prayed and have had an open heart to know what God wants from my life. Right now I do believe that he wants me to step off the mission field, take a break and be ready for the next plans that he has for my life. I am communicating with each one of you that in the end of the month of November I will be a retired missionary. As hard as it is to say goodbye, I will always be carrying the love and friendship that I shared with each person that God brought to my life. Many special thanks to my home churches Fairfax Baptist Temple, and recently Faith Baptist Church, to Baptist World Mission that have cared for us in teaching and giving all the support that Ary and I needed. To each one of my supporting churches and some friends that have been 100% behind me for those nineteen years and eight months, may God continue to bless your Church ministry and your families.

Until He calls me home,

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