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It is with very mixed emotions that I write this letter. For some time now, God has been giving me signs that changes need to happen with this ministry. Intermixed with things on the ground here in the DR, is the reality of my aging parents. After much prayer and discussing the various situations with Denise Cox at the SAMS office, I have made the decision to transition back to Colorado this summer. Many details remain uncertain, but the general plan is to spend a few weeks on the West Slope of Colorado before settling into life stateside in the Denver area, close to where my parents live. I'd love to visit the various churches and friends that have been supportive of this ministry over the years, to give you my thanks in person. God has given me a sense of peace with the decision, though of course it will be difficult to say goodbye to my friends and church family here. My hope is to be able to return on occasion.

So, what does this mean for supporters? First of all, I still need your prayers for this transition time. Returning full time to the US is quite often more challenging than leaving it. If it is possible for you to continue your financial support at least through June, I would greatly appreciate it. Should you wish to continue supporting the community of Santa Fe in some way thereafter, I've arranged for a scholarship project to be available for your gifts. For students k-6: \$300, 7-12: \$350 and for university: \$1,500 per year. When gifts sent to SAMS are designated as 'Cathy Donahoe-scholarship project' in the memo line, 100% of your gift goes to pay the school for the student. Students will be selected first based on need and second on academic aptitude. Should you have any questions about the scholarship project, please let me know. If supporting a missionary is something you wish to continue doing, may I suggest Catherine and Richard Ranger, SAMS missionaries with connections in Colorado who are heading to teach at the Uganda Christian University in Mukono, Uganda.



In December, God gave me the opportunity to witness the graduation of the special group of students who had 7 different courses with me. It was such a blessing and privilege to teach these students. Please join me in thanking God for these individuals, now professional physical therapists! I am finishing my work at the university this term with one class and am available for mentoring professors as requested.

Likewise, it has been a privilege to serve God here in the DR and to have your prayers, encouragement and/or financial support over the years. Thank you for joining me for this journey! May God bless you always as you consider how God wishes you to continue being involved with long-term international mission service.

In Christ,
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