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*The Isaacson Family*

## *Through the Fog*

Living in Indiana, I vividly recall mornings enveloped in dense fog, where visibility was reduced to just a few feet ahead. Those were moments of eerie uncertainty, prompting schools to delay start times due to hazardous driving conditions. Stepping outside felt like entering a world shrouded in mystery, where the path ahead was obscured by the thick veil of mist. Yet, with each cautious step, the fog gradually lifted, revealing the way forward.

Similarly, the past year has felt like navigating through a dense fog of uncertainty for our family. Relocating to bustling New York City was a leap of faith, driven by our passion to foster communities of grace, offering prayer, love, and support to those around us. However, despite our best efforts to immerse ourselves in meaningful work, the challenges seemed insurmountable at times.

In September, adversity struck with the news of financial strain at the church we partnered with, leading to our unexpected departure. Fear threatened to consume us as we grappled with the daunting prospect of sustaining ourselves in one of the world's most expensive cities.



## Faith and Prayer

Yet, amidst the uncertainty, we found solace in faith and prayer, thanks to the unwavering support of my partner, Sharayah. Together, we remained steadfast, trusting that our journey in NYC held a deeper purpose beyond the immediate obstacles.

After months of prayer, perseverance, and seeking guidance, the fog began to dissipate. An unexpected opportunity arose for us to reside on the campus of Iona University, a mere fifteen minutes from our previous location. This new chapter offered us the chance to engage with a diverse array of college students from inner-city NYC, Upper New York State, and beyond.

Interacting with individuals from various cultures, religions, and backgrounds has been both humbling and enriching. It's a stark contrast from our previous endeavors in Inwood, presenting exciting new avenues for impact and connection.

While the past year has been fraught with challenges, it has also unveiled exciting opportunities on the horizon. Our forthcoming work with college students coupled with our involvement in a community experiencing a growing Muslim population, fills us with gratitude and anticipation.

This is a great space for us as we prepare for what God has next for us. We are in deep prayer about what doors God wants to open to us. Could you please pray with us as we see where God leads?

We stand in awe of how God has lifted the fog of uncertainty, unveiled His purpose and guided us toward new avenues of service and fulfillment.

With love from NYC,

*Cody, Sharayah, Junia & Willow*



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