

Then Said I



"A missionary to Africa" was my pure and candid reply when asked what I wanted to be when I grew up. This has been my consistent answer for as long as I can remember. I think my family thought it was phase, and friends thought I was a bit extreme....but the reality is that it is a calling. In 2014, the Lord opened the door for me to go on a short term mission trip to Rwanda, Africa. From the moment I stepped off of the plane my spirit breathed a sigh of relief and a knowing resonated deep in my soul...I was home. It was like a sweet reunion with a familiar friend that I had not yet seen. It was on this trip the Lord confirmed to me that teaching English was the avenue through which I would minister Christ. The most difficult part was by far the goodbye. With tears in my eyes and determination in my heart I came back to the United States.

Upon my return I always found myself praying and anticipating going back. His gentle reply was always "Your time is not yet." In obedience mingled with sadness and a bit of fighting back, I finally submitted to the Lord's time and began to simply seek Him and His will for my daily life. I committed to working while I waited. I preached the Word and dedicated over four years to pouring into teens that had been removed from their home and had been through more than I could have imagined. Soon I felt the tug to plow forward with what God had ultimately called me to do and I obtained a Master's Degree in English with a focus in Education so that when the time came to step into the role of a teacher, I would be ready. In January of this year, my plan was to be a contracted teacher at a school in the United States and work towards paying off my student loans. On January 6 I was on my usual prayer walk and felt the familiar tug to walk African soil. I attempted to shake it off, verbalizing to myself and to God that I knew it was not my time. It would not shake. I finally said to the Lord that if it was His will then for someone to approach me about it. Three days later I received a call from seemingly nowhere, "Sister, I've been praying for you to come here to Rwanda to teach at our school. " it was Bishop Redias in Rwanda. My quick and shocked reply was "I will pray about it."

Time would fail me to tell you of the confirmation that followed, but far exceeding this is a peace I cannot explain. I never would have planned for this kind of timing but that is just like our God, Whose ways and thoughts and always higher yet so, so good. There comes a time in our walk with the Lord where He bids us come in the middle of the storm. From January until now, I've heard the consistent still, small voice saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?," and here amidst the unknown, after wrestling with the sheer size of this task and the pain of leaving all familiarity and security, my answer is soft and strong, " Here am I. Send me. "

I have a holy anticipation for what is to come, and much of the hard work is right now. My goal is to take pledges of prayer monthly financial support. Teaching will be a volunteer position and therefore I will wholly depend on the Lord and the obedience of His people. The plan is to arrive by December to prepare and settle and stay until the following school year ends in December 2021. I will reside on-site and do all that I can to share the Love of our Lord while offering quality education. I humbly extend the offer to you and your church to be a part of this experience. At this time I am requesting monthly commitments to prayer and financial pledges. If you are receiving this letter, I am asking for you to pray and seek the Father for how you can partner with me on this journey.

In Christ,

Brittany Howard

If you would like to be a part of this journey and help financially, you can do so through the Church of God of Prophecy in order to receive a tax deduction. You may go online to www.globalcogop.org/donate, under "choose a fund" click "Helping Hands", then in the "Special Instructions" box select the subfund "individual support" and specify that this is for Brittany Howard's Rwanda mission. Once this is complete, please send me an email letting me know. If you choose to do so, please email me your mailing address so that I can update you with how the funds have been spent and all that God is doing. Thank you!

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