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Welcome to this new adventure! This is the first of many letters I will be sending to you, so that you may be my partner—part of the team in the dream of God—that every nation may know about Jesus.

My name is Aaron Cordero. I am 31 years old, and I was born and raised in Costa Rica. I am the newest GMI missionary. My motto verse is, “fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrew 12:2). This verse helps remind us that all we need is to fix our eyes on Jesus. That is the secret of our life. Nothing in this life is more important than this. In addition, this is the desire of God.

I grew up in a family that didn't know God. When I was 4 years old I was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor and the doctors gave me three months to live, but Jesus knew better. In addition, I have been asking Him all my life: why?

I grew up in Grace Bible Church in Costa Rica, where the Befus family has served for 30 years. There I have had the opportunity to serve with the different groups of children, then the youth, and then I went on to study for three years in the Grace Bible Institute to be a missionary.

God has given me the opportunity to visit Bolivia, Argentina, and Uruguay where I started to get more involved in transcultural missions. I lived in Uruguay for two years and I took some classes at the Theological Baptist Seminary of Uruguay. I returned to Costa Rica where I was able to continue serving at the church.

God has also given me the opportunity to go on many trips to Nicaragua, at the beginning of exploration to plant a new Grace Church. My sister and her husband started a ministry in Nicaragua nine years ago, where they continue to work and serve God. They are missionaries there—Emiliano and Raquel Seravalli.

Eight months ago, I had the opportunity to serve in Mexico for six months in an orphanage where I was in charge of eight kids full time. I believe that each of these experiences and the desire that God put in my heart are the reasons why I want to serve as a full-time missionary, until the moment when God calls me to his presence.

So, the plan is that I will go to Nicaragua to serve and after that to Honduras. Why Nicaragua and Honduras? During one of my visits to Nicaragua, Milo, Raquel and I visited Honduras and we started dreaming about the idea of opening a new field in Honduras. We started praying about that, and especially that God would use the Nicaraguans to do that, in the same way that God used the Costa Ricans to open a church in Nicaragua.

We are third generation missionaries. Thinking that the Befus family planted a church in Costa Rica, then planted a church in Nicaragua, and now the fourth generation may be possible.

Now, I will move to Nicaragua for three years—first, to learn how to open ministry from scratch since the Rooted (Arrraigados) Church was founded from scratch six years ago. The ministry in Nicaragua has the goal of developing an independent project, to produce something that generates something good for the church in Nagarote, and to provide jobs for the community. That's going to be one of my goals there. I also want to help in the maintenance of the land. But I especially want to invest in discipleship, because that is what Jesus did.

We dream that one of the leaders in Nicaragua, who is now studying at the Grace Bible Institute of Nicaragua will go with me to Honduras, to open a new field there. We want to do one short-term trip to Honduras in our first year, two in the second, three in the third, and then move to Honduras. During those trips, some goals are: finding a place to plant a church in Honduras, finding peaceful men, making relationships, and developing a budget so we can move there in 2023-2024.

Pray: Pray that God guides us in every step. That the Holy Spirit will guide that many people may know of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Pray for me, my relationship with God and the guidance from God. Please pray for this in your personal time, with your family, with your church.

Go: We need teams coming to Nicaragua to help in many areas like construction, the planting project, and ministry. You may come to Nicaragua, or Honduras, or both to start this adventure to be like Jesus. Tell about this to your ministry partners. Start dreaming with us.

Give: I am raising monthly support and would be so grateful if you would join my team. I need \$1,761 monthly to live in Nicaragua. You can give through GMI, your church, or www.gracem.org

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples (Psalm 96:3).