

Jean Giles
Prayer Letter
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Prayer Request & Update (6/6 see below)

Good Morning Friends and Family,

I can't believe it's been two years since I began this journey here in Belize. To not renew for a third year was not in the plan I laid out, but it is in God's plan. Today I return to the United States and begin the next phase in my life. The past few days have been bittersweet as I've had to say good-bye to teachers and friends here in Belize; and excitement of coming home to family and friends, and my church. Would you pray for travel mercies for me today? This will be my last communication to you from Belize. I will be sending out a full prayer letter in the next few weeks. Thank you all for your prayers, support, and encouragement. Please continue to pray for the sell of my car here in Belize. Without that I am not able to purchase a car when I return. However, in God's providence I have one I can use for a short period of time. Would you also pray for God's provision of a job. I have two interviews this next week. I know that God knows His plan for me and I am trusting Him to reveal it to me in His timing. I look forward to seeing many of you this weekend in worship. I can't wait!

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Update (6/6)

Dear Friends and Family,

Thank you for all your prayers for travel safety yesterday (and today). All went smoothly till 60 miles from Miami. Do to bad weather we had to go into a holding pattern till the airport would clear us to land. We only had 30 min. worth of fuel, so they went ahead and got us on the ground where we had to sit on the tarmac for 2 hours while we waited for the lightning to subside. We were finally cleared to go to our gate. Unfortunately all flights coming and going had been either rerouted or cleared and unloaded all at the same time. Many connecting flights had been either cancelled or delayed. Mine was one of the flights that were cancelled. I was put on a flight for Saturday afternoon and on a standby list for the only remaining flight out to Tampa for Fri. night (along with 51 other people). That flight was not

to take off till 9:35 PM. After four more delays, they boarded the plane for a 12:30 AM take off. 52 people stood with pleading eyes to have their name called for the 9 available seats. I was so relieved when my name was the ninth and last name called, but saddened as I looked into the faces of all the tired, disappointed travelers who remained. Selfishly and thankfully, I boarded the plane.

When we arrived in Tampa our plane bounced, yes, bounced on the runway in the roughest landing I've ever experienced and rolled to a stop where we were told to wait till the lightening storm passed. It felt like life was replaying itself. We were finally cleared to go to our gate. After 45 minutes of looking my luggage, I realized the baggage area had emptied out of most of the passagers, I noticed all the standby passengers were still there. Due to more storms they had to stop unloading the plane. We were told there were 50 more peices of luggage still in the belly of the plane. After an hour we were able finally leave the airport with all my luggage in hand. Praise God from Whom ALL Blessings Flow!

Thank you for your prayers. Even though I'm very tired, I'm thankful to be here and that all my luggage arrived with me. God gave strength and a calming peace throughout one of the longest days of my life. I'm so thankful for each of you and the peace of knowing you were all praying for me.

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