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Dear Churches and Faithful Supporters,

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As I begin this letter it is very important that you know how much I deeply appreciate the way that you have supported me financially and prayerfully for these many years. My family has needed your support as we worked to build the church in Laval, as we worked through my husband's illness and home going, as my kids have grown up and now gone on to ministries of their own, and as I have adjusted to a new and different role as a single woman on the mission field. Thank you!

It is with mixed emotions that I have to inform you that after discussing my situation with my mission board I have decided to resign as a missionary and begin a new chapter in my life. Don't misunderstand. I want to assure you that there is no conflict with Baptist World Mission. I am not quitting my service to the Lord and the church here in Laval. I am not leaving Canada, and I plan to continue in the various ministry responsibilities the Lord has called me to do as I am able. However, I am shifting from a full-time-missions-support model to a bi-vocational, self-supporting model. In other words, I will be seeking employment here in Canada to continue my work through the church here.

The reason for this decision is the taxation that I would be subject to, both from the American and Canadian governments. Due to my status as a single, female missionary in Canada, an inordinate amount of support would be allocated to taxes in both countries. Christian accountants agree with me that this would be poor stewardship. I have discussed this with my family, with Pastor Gotcher, my sending pastor, with Pastor Léveill  here in Laval, and with the mission board. If you feel the need to contact me with questions or comments regarding this, please feel free to do so.

I would ask that, while your financial support is no longer being requested, your prayers and friendship are greatly needed as I go forward in the work of the Lord here. God has done an amazing work in Laval, and continues to do so under the leadership of our new pastor and his family. But, any success this ministry has enjoyed has been because of the grace of God shed upon our lives and the prayerful support of God's people.

May I encourage you to take the financial support that you have provided for me and my family through the years and aim it towards another young couple who are seeking to begin their missionary endeavor? That would be such a blessing to know – that you are continuing to support the work of God on the mission field through your finances and your prayers!

May the Lord bless you as you continue serving Him there in your local church and community, and as you provide financial and prayer support for the missionaries who make an eternal impact for the cause of Christ in places you cannot go.

Serving Christ,

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