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Dear Friends, Family, and Faithful Supporters,

The theme of this letter is CHANGE.

One form of *change* is when one is going in one direction and then switches to another direction.

But we get ahead of ourselves...

Having followed the Trumbower saga, perhaps for many years, you are aware that when Lawrence was still wet behind the ears (that is, when he completed his studies at what is now Grace Christian University), the Lord called him to a particular task. God wanted thousands of people in Puerto Rico to have the opportunity to change their lives through the direct teaching of His Word. Many were to come into a personal relationship with Christ.

Others were to learn and understand the doctrines and truths of God's eternal plan. Everyday growth through the biblical instruction of family living – marriage relationships, childrearing, financial and community responsibility, and others were to be how God would further *change* the face of Puerto Rico. A valuable means to this end was the mass communication tool of radio. Grace Ministries International (GMI) in 1967 undertook the goal of building a radio station on the south coast of the island in the town of Juana Díaz. The Lord needed someone to build and operate the station, someone to work behind the scenes, as it were, to make sure His message, through the airwaves, would reach the people in every strata of life in the South Central of Puerto Rico. That's where Lawrence came in. The Lord made it clear, "Lawrence, this is where I want you"; so this is where Lawrence has been focused "for a lifetime"!

At first his ministry was at station WCGB in Juana Díaz. Then decades later when GMI turned the operation over to another organization, Calvary Evangelistic Mission (CEM), he was "seconded" to them to keep their three stations on the air broadcasting the Word of God. This phase of missionary service has lasted some 15 years. But now the arrangement between GMI and CEM has come to a conclusion.

So here is where we insert that word – *change*. In that GMI has no other radio stations, Lawrence and Barbara will be making a significant *change*. You may ask – so what will the Trumbowers do now? (If you were not asking that question, this would be your cue.)

The Lord is never without a greater plan, so He prodded Lawrence to look deep into his spirit to see what was there. I (Lawrence) have always had a passion to teach the Word of God. Considering the needs that GMI has around the world (remember, my world has been centered around the Latin culture all these decades) teaching is one possibility for continued service. One such option is the new Bible Training Center in Bolivia and their need for more teachers, which might include other teaching avenues within the Bolivian churches. This is definitely a ministry di-



rection we are going to look at, along with GMI leadership and the missionaries in Bolivia. The next step (or *change* in this case) is to investigate in more detail the possibilities on the Bolivian field. Barbara and I had planned to go to Bolivia for a week to meet the leaders, see the mission operation up close, and check how we might be valuable teammates in the ministry there. We even purchased tickets, but a political crisis in that county put a “hold” on travel there. We are now waiting for a few weeks until Bolivia has political stability, at which time we will proceed to check out what the Lord may have for us.

Even CHANGE is changing. The Lord without a doubt put me into radio all these years ago; now please pray with us for Him to clearly indicate His will for us regarding this entirely different next consideration.

This leads us to some clean-up business. My new e-mail address is: lawrencetrumbower@gmail.com. Barbara’s remains as before: ladyforsythia@gmail.com. If you have either of my old email addresses in your files: ltrumbower@therockradio.org or operation@therockradio.org., please remove them. Thank you.

Many of you have already been very longtime supporters of our ministry adventure. Your names are very familiar and your prayer support and even financial support have been steadily encouraging. To every degree that you are agreeable and eager to continue those pillars, we will continue to be thankful, joyful, and as faithful as we can be on our end.

Thank you again, from our hearts – for your service on our behalf in the past and even into our future, particularly as you pray us into hearing God’s “voice” clearly for this possible step.

Sincerely and eagerly,

Lawrence and Barbara Trumbower