Dear Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch Family,

We want to share an important update with you all regarding the foster home process we've been pursuing over the past six months.

As many of you know, we felt the Lord leading us to step into foster care as a way to begin serving children sooner, while we continue to wait on His provision of a property in order to launch the full vision of Eagle's Nest Wilderness Ranch. During this time, we have been working closely with a child placement agency to pursue certification for a couple, who faithfully followed the Lord's guidance to relocate here last December and step into this role with ENWR to become foster parents.

This past week, we were informed by the agency that they are unable to move forward with the final steps of the certification process due to limitations within their licensure regarding this type of partnership. This partnership was new for both of us, and as we approached the final stages, complexities surrounding communication, liability, and confidentiality issues were revealed that were not able to be resolved.

Because of these limitations, moving forward could have created risks to their licensing and potentially impacted Eagle's Nest as we pursue state licensing in the future. Out of integrity and a desire to steward both organizations well, it became clear that this was not the right path moving forward.

The child placement agency has expressed genuine excitement and encouragement for Eagle's Nest and the model of care we are building, especially in light of the growing need for long-term care for children. While they are not able to certify our home or foster parents within the current framework, there is a mutual respect and support for the mission ahead.

As a result of all that has transpired, the couple who has been walking through this process with the child placement agency and Eagle's Nest have decided to resign, step away and seek the Lord's direction for their next season. This was not an easy decision, and we honor their desire to seek the Lord's guidance for what is next. We are deeply grateful for their heart to serve and the time they invested, and we continue to pray for them as God guides their steps.

While this news was unexpected and not the outcome we anticipated, the mission of Eagle's Nest remains unchanged. We firmly believe that the Lord is always at work, and we trust that what He has ahead is greater than anything we could plan on our own. He is faithful to His promises, and we know this is not a matter of if, but when. We are confident that in His perfect timing, God will reveal His plans for moving forward.

We also want to acknowledge that this news brings disappointment and heart break for all of us. Our team is processing and grieving this alongside and with you. And yet, even here, we see the kindness of God. We are reminded that especially in moments like these, God is present and faithful. It is a gift to be called into something God is doing, and we continue to hold onto Him as our source of strength and hope.

A passage of scripture that has grounded us this week is:

"Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus… so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." (Hebrews 12:1–3)

We are choosing to keep our eyes fixed on Him, trusting that every step, both forward and redirected, is part of His greater plan. We believe that even in this, the Lord is guiding and protecting us, and we are committed to continuing forward with faith, perseverance, and joy. It is only by keeping our eyes on Him that we can move forward with endurance, faith, and even joy in the midst of uncertainty.

We want to assure you that we are firmly committed to this calling that God has given us. We are seeking and trusting the Lord as we take each step in obedience, and wait expectantly to see where He will lead us in the days ahead.

Thank you for walking alongside us, praying with us, and believing in ENWR and this mission.

Serving Him together with you,

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