



Update from David Ford April 2021

Dear friends,

I am pleased to share with you an article of mine that was just published in the RCA's resourcing platform, *Faithward*. In honor of Autism Awareness Month this month, and also inspired by [Rose's blog post about me](#) (<https://buckshefusetiopia.wordpress.com/2021/01/24/love-in-the-time-of-covid-goodbye-david-ford-the-only-brony/>) which I shared with you in February, I was asked to write on "How Asperger Syndrome Makes Me Uniquely Gifted as a Missionary." I loved the idea, and some of the thoughts incorporated into this article are ones that I remember previously addressing in research papers I did in college and graduate school. I am very proud of the result and want to thank RCA Global Mission for their support and encouragement in promoting the strengths and positive aspects that we on the autistic spectrum can bring to the world.

Read the article: [How Asperger Syndrome Makes Me Uniquely Gifted as a Missionary](http://www.faithward.org/how-asperger-syndrome-makes-me-uniquely-gifted-as-a-missionary/) (www.faithward.org/how-asperger-syndrome-makes-me-uniquely-gifted-as-a-missionary/)

I hope to send a more complete newsletter update next month. I will be coming to the U.S. this summer, flying on May 31.

Blessings,
David

P.S. I have one specific and immediate prayer request. Today is the tenth day since I last had city water in my apartment, and the last time that I did was for such a brief time that it didn't even fill my water supply fully. If the outage continues into tomorrow, it will set a new record for the longest I've had to go without city water. I expect there's a broken water main or other construction that is causing the outage in our compound, though I haven't heard exactly what and where the problem is, or when it might be fixed. I'm not completely out yet, but my water reserves are running low, and my stress levels rise each day as the water level in my barrels falls. I would appreciate prayers that the problem would be fixed and that our compound (including top-floor apartments like mine!) would receive sufficient city water soon. Thank you.

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