



December 2025

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for the ongoing prayers as I continue to recover. As with most surgeries, there have been encouraging days and difficult ones. I have been unable to wean off of the nutrition that is being provided to me through my PICC line; however, it has continued to provide my body with energy so that I can be more productive during the days I am feeling well. This has allowed me to recently become more involved at my sending church as well as the ability to reach out to others during the week. Please continue to pray for a good and complete recovery. At this point, it is still too early for the surgeon to determine if the other 'big' surgery will be needed.

As we prepared for Mission Trips as teenagers, our youth director always told us we need to be "fluid" and not "flexible" with the itinerary, because even flexible things (like Twizzlers) can get out of shape and tie in knots. I have found myself remembering that illustration time and time again, especially in Botswana. In my last prayer letter, I mentioned two Kids Bible Clubs were planning to have a combined Family Day. But plans had to be rearranged. Although the Family Day was unable to take place, several of the children were able to attend a Day Camp at the Grace Oasis property. Great reports have been given about how much the village children enjoyed their time connecting with other church children. I received a couple short videos, and the kids were listening very intently to the Bible lesson.

Thank you for all the many prayers, words of encouragement and support throughout this year. I can never fully express my gratitude for how you have lifted me up and held the ropes for me as 2025 was much different than I could have ever imagined. Yet, God has been ever present every step of the way guiding each decision and providing for each need.

I am praying you have a very blessed and Merry Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Thank you,

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