

Dear Faithful Supporters and Friends,

September - October 2025

As many of you know, we were in the US for July, August, and three weeks of September. During that time, we visited a few churches and spent much needed time with family and friends. After three years in South Africa without seeing them, it was such a sweet time of catching up. The kids absolutely loved being with their coursins and old friends!

Though we enjoyed our time in the US, we also missed our home in South Africa (the kids included)! Once we got the call from the South African Embassy that our three-year visas had been approved, we immediately booked our tickets back. The embassy mentioned it might take a few days for the passports to be mailed out but they said within a week we should have them without any problem. Our flights were originally booked for Tuesday, September 16th at 3 p.m., just ten days away. We were thrilled and immediately started packing and making preparations. However, because the passports were not mailed out when we had been told they would be, we were forced to push our tickets back a week to depart on the 23rd. By the end of that week, the passports still hadn't arrived, and our concern began to grow. After several phone calls to the embassy, the passports were finally located and overnighted to us on Friday the 19th, just five days before our new departure date. We were promised their arrival by Saturday but at the latest on Monday. However, by Monday morning, our passports were no longer trackable and we had been told by USPS that they were "missing". *Five US passports, each with three-year South African visas, had vanished*. Our hearts sank. We broke down in tears and cried out to the Lord. Immediately, we posted on our ministry Facebook asking everyone to pray that they would be found, and people all over the world began praying with us.

Then, by a miracle, Tuesday morning at 10 a.m., after much prayer and with the help of three very kind ladies, the package was miraculously found! With less than five hours to spare, we raced home, finished packing, and made it to the airport. This experience truly tested our faith and stretched our patience, but through it all, we watched God perform a miracle.

While we were away, our church family did a wonderful job keeping everything going. They stepped up in ways that are hard to describe, and we are so thankful for their faithfulness and sweet spirits during our ten weeks away.

The week before we left South Africa so abruptly, we were able to help Missionary Hannah Bennett with a medical screening in a new area near our church. We were hoping it might open the door for ministry there, but we ran into a few surprises! We expected most people to speak isiXhosa and English (since we're learning isiXhosa and can converse a little), but none of them spoke Xhosa; they all spoke Afrikaans! The medical screening went well, and we were able to help over 40 people, but we quickly realized we needed to bring some of our church members next time, since many of them speak Afrikaans as their first language.

After returning to South Africa, we worked alongside Ms. Hannah and met with the local municipality to discuss ministry opportunities in this new area, called *Piet se Bos* (Peet-seh-boss). To say the Lord went before us would be an understatement! The municipality was not only excited for us to serve there through medical outreaches, holiday Bible clubs, soup kitchens, and revival services, but they also offered to introduce us to the community elders and gave us full permission to work there whenever we'd like.

We had already shared this vision with our church, and many of our members are thrilled about the chance to preach, teach, and minister in Afrikaans. Please pray for this new ministry in *Piet se Bos*, an informal township of about 450 people, just blocks from our church.

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