May 2019

Dear Praying Friends,

As we shared in our last letter, we had to take an emergency furlough due to our daughter Lyssie's medical needs. Her seizures have continued to increase in frequency and are now occurring daily. After a week in Boston Children's Hospital, Lyssie completed the preliminary testing and the doctor is taking her case before a surgical board to be reviewed for possible brain surgery. Please continue to pray that Lyssie can regain quality of life as the seizures take so much from her little body.

On the "home front" (South Africa), Lorna and Kayla are doing a fabulous job caring for our foster children and covering many of our music and children's ministries. Lorna is proving her commitment to joining our team full-time, and when we return to SA, she will begin deputation to raise support. Her plan is to be our first house mama in our children's home!

While we wait for the team of doctors to determine the best course of treatment for Lyssie, we will head south and utilize this short furlough to report to our supporting churches and raise additional support for our ministries in South Africa. Our current plan is to return to SA by September. If your church supports our family or is interested in doing so and you would like us to share an inperson update, please contact me. (see current contact info. below) We do plan to travel as a family as much as Lyssie can handle. Our entire family is fully involved in our ministries and we are thrilled at this (unexpected) opportunity to share about souls saved, babies rescued, Christians growing, and lives changed! We trust that our burden to reach South Africa for Christ will encourage your church family towards missions and living a sold-out life for Jesus Christ.

Property Update: We have previously shared about our looming need for a property of our own. (With our family, foster children, and interns, we have 15 people in one rental home!) We are excited to share that we now have over \$100,000 in our property account. Just the week before we left for the US, we received a request to take custody of two sisters (2 and 4 years old). The girls' mother is about to die from AIDS, and they need a home for the remainder of their childhood. Unfortunately, we MUST have our own property in order to continue to follow God's call and grow our children's home. We still lack about \$75,000 to purchase a property debt free.

Prayer Needs:

Health for Lyssie
Opportunities to share our burden and work in South Africa
Additional monthly support
\$75,000 remaining for our property purchase

Praises:

Safety traveling to USA Lorna and interns covering ministries in SA

Brent, Selina, Ellie, Nathaniel, Noah, Ethan, Gabbey, Lyssie, Andrew and Titus