

October/November 2019

Dear Praying Friends,

God has been busy expanding our ministries and shaping our ministry team! First, I have been burdened for a specific area in Port Elizabeth called Walmer, an area with around 80K people and no established Independent Baptist church. I would drive through Walmer and see so many people of different races and backgrounds, and my heart would hurt for them. I would tell my wife over and over that someone needed to start a work in Walmer. I even mentioned to other missionaries about starting a church there, but God had their hearts in other places. When we returned from our medical furlough, God used various circumstances to make it very obvious that I am the man to plant this church. After much prayer and counsel from Godly men in ministry, I have answered the call to reach Walmer for Christ. We are so excited about the opportunities ahead of us. This shift in NO WAY diminishes our burden for our orphan ministry at all; in fact, it only enhances it. Our children's home and ever growing team will have a place to grow, serve, share the gospel, and disciple new believers! Please pray with us as we seek a place to worship. This adds a financial aspect that we had not planned on, so please pray that God will provide the finances to rent a place.

Secondly, we are so excited to welcome Hannah Bennett to the Little Fish Ministries team. Hannah is a registered nurse that specialized in pediatric nursing. She has been serving as a missionary in South Africa already, has raised her support, and will be joining us in Port Elizabeth in January 2020! Hannah will help directly with our children's home ministry and assist in our new church plant, but we are also excited about the medical missions opportunities ahead! In our last letter, we introduced another new part of our team, the Byerly family. Maggie Byerly is also a registered nurse! Can you start to imagine what God is going to do to reach the lost through medical missions? We are so excited at what lies ahead for the entire Little Fish Ministries team.

Lyssie continues to recover well from her August 6 brain surgery. One huge praise is that she is now weaned completely off one of her anti-epileptic medications! Her brain continues to be overwhelmed in large crowds or after long days, so we keep things simple when possible. Her day to day life is much, much improved. Praise the Lord!

We continue to look for our permanent property and will update as soon as something comes available.

Remember in prayer:

- *New church plant
- *LFM team members Lorna Mitchell and the Byerly family, currently on deputation
- *The three little fish in our care (abandoned boys)
- *Health and strength for our family, especially Lyssie

Praise the Lord with us for:

- *\$151,000 raised for our permanent property! We estimate needing an additional \$25-50K in order to build or purchase something with the needed structures in place.
- *New team member Hannah Bennett
- *Specific answers to prayer over the last few weeks

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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