July Prayer Letter

Job lost everything. He lost his cattle, servants, children, and ultimately, he lost the respect of the people around him. In chapter 23, Job is in the midst of his afflictions, and he looks around to see God, but he can't find Him (vs. 8-9). In the following verse, we don't find Job quitting on God or wallowing in self-pity. He doesn't shake his fist in the air or give up. His response was simply:

"But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold."

Trusting God can be hard. There are days where I find myself discouraged or tired, but then, God shows me people like Job, and I am reminded that trials aren't an excuse for us to quit on God. When we open our eyes and look around, we realize that everyone is hurting in some way, and many of these people don't even have the hope of Jesus Christ.

We aren't always going to know the "whys" or "whats" to every hardship God allows into our lives, but we can rest assured that God knows. <u>All we need to do is trust Him</u>.

During these last few months, I have found that I must constantly remind myself to live each day trusting Christ, instead of getting lost in the busyness of life. In May, I took a quick trip back to the States to renew my 90 day visa and have a little break. After spending a week with my family and friends, I hopped on a plane to return to South Africa. I quickly transitioned back to my responsibilities in overseeing the care of the three boys, house, interns, and various outside ministries. I have had **two young ladies** join me, since I've been back, and they will be **interning** with me for the rest of the summer. Already, they have been a tremendous blessing, and we have been enjoying getting to know each other as we minister to the children.

We have also continued teaching the children's class on Wednesday nights, as well as youth choir each Sunday, which has been such a blessing to be a part of! This past week, we were able to help out with the **Vacation Bible School** at **Grace Baptist Church!** It was an incredibly fun week, and we are rejoicing over the **26** professions of faith made! In July, we will start up the **public school ministry**, again, where we have an hour to teach Bible truths to a seventh grade class. **Please pray for these kids, as we seek to plant seeds in their hearts and reach them with the gospel!**

I also ask that you please pray for strength for the **Bergey** family! They have been battling much sickness as they travel and raise support, while waiting for **Lyssie's pending surgery**.

In Christ's Love,
Lorna