



the Brent & Selina BERGEY



Reaching Orphans for Jesus Christ

Missionaries
to
South
Africa



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Dear Praying Friends,

While 2019 would not be labeled an “easy” year for our family, we know that each step was graciously orchestrated by our God, and as always, He is good! January 2019 began with our daughter Lyssie having major health issues. In April of 2019, we began a medical furlough to seek help for Lyssie, and in August of 2019, she had major brain surgery to remove a damaged part of her brain that was claiming her quality of life. We were cautioned to not expect a successful outcome, but God’s people continued to pray, and we are now excited to share with you that for the past six months, Lyssie has remained seizure-free! She is off all epilepsy medications, and she has regained the use of her body and motor skills. Her eyesight deficits remain but aside from running into things at times, she has learned to compensate for the loss. Her sparkly personality is shining through again, and it feels as if we have been given a rainbow after the storm. Thank you for praying so faithfully for our girl and rejoicing with us that she has experienced such healing!

Last year also brought great growth for our ministry. We added four new team members, continued caring for our first three orphaned children, served alongside some amazing young ladies through our internship program, and launched Abundant Life Baptist Church. Best of all, just this last week we were able to secure a property for our children’s home ministry! God has given us almost 23 acres of flat land in a safe area-complete with outbuildings and a 2 bedroom cottage. We are able to pay cash for this property and plan to begin building on it as soon as April 1st! Our builder estimates we need about \$60,000 initially to build the structures needed to move our family, orphans, and staff onto the property.

In February, we had a visit from one of our directors at Macedonia, Bro. Fred Kindhart. The wisdom and encouragement he shared with us were a blessing and we enjoyed introducing him to our ministries (and a bit of the beauty of South Africa, too!).

Because our new church plant is near an existing government-run children’s home, we have been able to form relationships with both the staff and the teen girls in the home. It is exciting to share that several of these girls have made clear professions of faith, and have begun discipleship classes! We will never forget the look on their faces when we explained to them that yes, their earthly fathers have failed them, but that there is a Father who will never leave them, never forsake them, and never, ever fail them. Please pray for Gabbey, Daisy, Tatiana, Taylor, and Keira.

Praises:

Four salvation decisions last month at ALBC!

Many new visitors.

New team member Hannah Bennett (pediatric nurse) moved and established here.

Lyssie’s improved health.

Prayer Requests:

\$60,000 for buildings on our new property.

Growth for ALBC.

Visa renewals for our family.

Deputation completion for Lorna Mitchell, our first cottage mama.

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

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