



the Brent & Selina BERGEY



Reaching Orphans for Jesus Christ

Missionaries
to
South
Africa



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Dear Praying Friends,

We are enjoying our first autumn in many years this furlough! Our meetings the last three months have taken us to MI, PA, OH, IL, WV, NC, and VA and it has been a joy to be with so many of God's people. We have had a five percent support increase and are praying for the remaining five percent by January. On the home front, our daughter Ellie graduated from highschool and has decided to continue her Bible college education online while serving full-time with us in South Africa. She is a valuable asset to both our family and ministry.

Abundant Life Baptist Church continues to thrive during this uncertain time of the pandemic. Our Sunday church and Friday family services on Zoom bring connection for us all as we are apart. A special highlight is our men's and women's monthly Bible studies. However, we desire greatly to meet together again in person! Due to church growth, we will need a larger church building upon our return to South Africa (a good "problem" to have).

In August, we released our first family music CD entitled, "For the Children: Songs of Faith and Family". All of the proceeds from this project are going directly into a fund to build a baby haven for abandoned babies in South Africa. The estimated cost for this need is 50K, and our goal is to raise at least the first 20K with donations from the music CD. God has blessed this project immensely and we have raised over 12K in just the first 7 weeks of CD donations! If you would like to donate and receive a CD, head over to our website www.littlefishministries.org. For bulk orders for your church, contact us directly at brent.bergey@gmail.com.

A huge answer to prayer also came in August when the purchase of our new Little Fish Ministries property finally closed! Almost 24 acres of beautiful flat land is sitting ready for us to begin building on when we return to South Africa. On that note, we are thrilled to report that our entire Phase 1 has been FULLY FUNDED! We have been working extensively with our architect and builder in SA to finalize plans for the initial building phase. Lord willing, building will begin in the next couple of weeks!

With Phase 1 being completely funded, we are moving into Phase 2. This phase will include a medical clinic and a large multi-purpose building (primary use is a Christian school for orphans, but also include housing for interns and missions teams, and a kitchen for providing meals for orphans). The estimate for Phase 2 is 100K, but we serve a big God and we are fully trusting Him for this need. If you feel led to participate in Phase 2, you can donate directly through our website link and note "building fund".

South African international borders have been slowly opening, so we are tentatively planning a late December or early January return. To say we are excited to get home and back to the ministry God has called us to would be a drastic understatement! A special thank you to our home church, Currytown Baptist, for the love offering to help with our plane tickets. Please join us in praying for reasonable ticket prices, negative covid testing, and wisdom as we make travel preparations.

Praises: Phase 1 FUNDED, 12K for Baby Haven, Healthy Family, Borders Slowly Opening

Prayer Requests: LFM Team on deputation (Byerly family, Lorna Mitchell, Brittney Schear), 100K for Phase 2, Travel Logistics

Thank you for your continued support for our family and our ministry. Our next prayer letter will have some BIG news for LFM. Stay tuned!

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