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Reaching Orphans for Jesus Christ

Missionaries  
to  
South  
Africa



Dear Praying Friends,

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**Abundant Life Baptist Church:** Several of our church families have been sick with Covid in the last few weeks. Praise the Lord that none of them had to be hospitalized! Currently, South Africa remains under a Level 3 lockdown, but we are just thankful for the privilege of worshipping together as a church. Please continue to pray that God would strengthen D, G, and J, our teens that come to church from a nearby orphanage. Their facility remains on lockdown for Covid and they have not been able to attend church or activities.

**Abundant Life Baptist University:** We currently have six students enrolled for this first semester, and I am thankful for this additional ministry training opportunity. Our university is partnered with a Baptist college stateside; already we have been encouraged by the professors pouring into our students. It is exciting to think how God can use this ministry to better equip servant leaders.

**Little Fish Ministries:** LFM is now officially registered in South Africa as a non-profit organization! This is an important step in our vision of opening both a home (haven) for abandoned babies and cluster foster homes for orphaned children. Up next is approval from the Department of Social Development. Please pray that the department would remain favorable to our ministry and not make things difficult for us.

**LFM Property:** Building continues on our 23 acres of land. We have three building projects to finish by year's end....and just in time to start more! As you all know, Covid has slowed down some of our goals, but GOD is so faithful. See below for the projected timelines!

**September 2021:** Completed housing for Hannah (our nurse), Lorna (house mama), and little fish (abandoned children). Completion of a well for much-needed consistent water.

**October 2021:** Completed three-phase electrical upgrade. (SEE BELOW)

**December 2021:** Completed housing for our family. (We currently stay in what will become the first baby haven.)

**January 2022:** Hope Harbour Haven opens! We will have space for six "little fish" (abandoned children).

**January to August 2022:** The rest of our LFM team arrives! The Byerly family, the Womack family, and Brittney Schear are all prayerfully planning to arrive during this time period.

**May 2022:** Summer Intern Program launches again. We still have space for three young women.

**Time-sensitive Prayer Request:** Last month, we asked for prayer for three financial needs, a well for water, an electrical upgrade, and a safety wall for the property. Praise the Lord, the funds for the well have been provided by a faithful supporting church! (We had no water for five days last week alone. The well will be a huge blessing!) As far as the electrical upgrade, we cannot have electricity in our two new building projects until we upgrade the entire system. We have met with the municipality and shared our plans for at least 12 buildings on the property (a baby haven, housing for orphaned children and staff, and a school), and the proposed system will supply all the needed electricity for current and future needs. The new system will cost approximately \$20,000. We had hoped to make do for a while with our current system, but we actually need the new system by November at the latest. Could you pray with us for this financial need?

Lastly, we would like to ask prayer for safety. There has been a gang of foreign criminals hitting our immediate area the past few weeks. Also, an article was released today in the local newspaper stating that 50 percent of the working population in our province are without jobs and are becoming increasingly more desperate. We do have fencing and private security, but we are also needing to upgrade to a wall across the front of the property. This will not only increase safety, it will also provide privacy for children as the ministry grows. Will you take the time to pray for both God's protection, and for the funds to build a wall? Our builder can build a 300 foot long, 6 foot high brick wall for \$7,000.

We can see the finish line in sight--the ability to open multiple housing units for abandoned children. The vision to build a place where orphaned children could grow up in the nurture of family-style living- with Jesus at the heart of everything- is happening right before our eyes! God has provided the needed team, training, and property already. The water, electricity, and security costs now will most definitely pay off by rescuing children in need in the very near future. We are rejoicing in all that God has already done, thanking Him for what He is doing now, and preparing to praise Him for what He will do in the future.

Thank you for your investment in this ministry.

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

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