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Missionaries to the Deaf – South Africa



Dear Friends in Christ,

***“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.”***

Luke 2:11

How wonderful to see the Christmas decorations in our home and to hear the lovely songs about our Saviour’s birth. The Yankee Candle filling the air with its cinnamon scent brings back memories of Christmases long ago. We rejoice for the year that has past and look forward to the year that is preparing to open before us, bringing new opportunities to proclaim the glorious message of salvation through Christ.

The events since our last letter have been overwhelming at times, but God has seen us through each one and we are grateful for His strength. It is impossible for us to chronicle everything that has happened, but we will share a few that have brought joy, challenge, and the need for prayer.

October brought two events for the ministry. On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Bible Baptist Church of the Deaf celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was a wonderful day with Pastor Scott Crabtree, pastor of LifeSigns Deaf Baptist Church in New Albany, Ohio. He and his daughter came to visit with us and we had a wonderful day with many in attendance. On the Monday following our anniversary Sunday, we were finally able to have our Deaf camp. We had cancelled several times due to the restrictions of Covid. Deaf and hearing came from around the country and some from Zimbabwe. It was a wonderful week that ended with six saved and many decisions made for the Lord! We appreciate the powerful messages preached by Pastor Scott. During camp, Pastor Scott and his daughter weren’t feeling well and we attributed it to allergies. However, to our surprise they tested positive for Covid after taking their preflight pcr tests. Pastor Scott’s daughter was able to return to the US in a few days, but he took longer to recover, including seven days in ICU. Pastor Scott was only planning a short visit, but the short stay ended up being 31 days. We really enjoyed the time to get to know him better and to take care of him in his time of need.

At the end of October, we had a meeting with Seth’s cardiologist for the report from his previous CAT scans and angiograms. Dr. Kenny told us that they are at the end of what they can do for Seth due to lack of expertise. He is doing well now, but the pressure inside his heart will eventually lead to heart failure. He said that it is time for Seth to go overseas for further treatment. We immediately went to the Lord for His guidance and wisdom. At present, contact has been made to St. Louis Children’s Hospital with plans for him to be evaluated in March or April. We appreciate your prayers and ask that you continue to pray for Seth and for his Mom and Dad. We are trusting the Lord to guide and provide the outcome that is His will for Seth.

November brought the passing of my brother, Barry. He had served as pastor of our sending church. Barry was a man of integrity, a soul-winner, a great Dad and a wonderful brother. We look forward to seeing him again just as soon as the Father gives the order to sound the trumpet. Please pray for his wife, Sharon, and family.

We thank the Lord for the many opportunities to serve Him even in this time of restrictions. We thank the Lord for His provision of health and protection. We thank the Lord for the souls saved, the tracts passed, the lessons taught and the fire that continues to burn in our hearts for the lost.

As we come to the end of this year, we also thank the Lord for you. You have prayed for us, stood with us, and have been faithful to support the work here. We pray for you and praise the Lord for your desire to see the Deaf of South Africa come to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

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