

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

// Timothy 2:2

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Dear Friends in Christ,

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Ephesians 3:20-21).

It has been such a joy to visit some of our supporting churches over the last couple of months. So far, we have been able to minister in 12 different churches, but unfortunately, we had to postpone 3 other meetings due to illness. However, I was able to reschedule the canceled April meetings for January 2025. As a result, that pushed our return to South Africa further than we had planned, but it is a praise to have that taken care of so we will be able to visit all our churches before leaving, Lord willing. Looking ahead over the next 3 months, we have 15 meetings and 2 mission conferences scheduled. Please pray for health and travel safety during this time so that we won't have to miss any more meetings. We have had more postponed meetings in the first 3 months of our furlough this time than we had in the previous 25 years altogether.

Thank you very much for praying for our van and the repairs that were needed. Since the previous incident, the van has been in the garage only one other time, and thankfully, it didn't interfere with any of our meetings or cause issues during our travels. We praise the Lord for His provision of the van and for His protection over us.

As we mentioned in the previous letter, besides our meetings and the preparations for them, we have been busy helping with some remodeling work on Jonathon and Johanna's condo. Jonathon did most of the work, but we were able to lend a hand in different areas. The project is completed, and they are very happy with the results. We were also able to help a little with an idea for our church's VBS float. This year's theme is Wonder World, so the float is centered around a science lab. Someone came up with the idea of having a large beaker, so after much thought and working through several different designs, I was able to develop this plan using a big 2-meter clear ball.



Thank you very much for continuing to pray for my health. As we travel, many have asked about it, so we want to give a brief update. As you may remember, I suffer from Restless Leg Syndrome (RLS). About 5 years ago, my doctor at the VA clinic prescribed Ropinirole, which is a drug for Parkinson's disease. It was found to help with RLS symptoms since both affect the nervous system. Over the last four years, however, the dosage was increased several times because it had become less and less effective. I didn't know it at the time, but I was prescribed almost three times the maximum dosage before returning to the

VA clinic this past April. It was then that my doctor explained how the medication was augmenting my symptoms. Instead of helping relieve the symptoms, it was worsening and intensifying them. Because of that, over the past 3 months, I have been weaning off the Ropinirole. By the time you get this prayer letter, I will be off that medication completely. I wasn't quite sure what to expect, but I can now testify that even though the weaning process hasn't made my symptoms worse, the restlessness is not any better either. The important thing, though, is that the side effects should taper off and diminish. I am scheduled for another appointment at the end of July to determine what course of action to take now that the Ropinirole is no longer an option, so please pray for wisdom concerning a solution for the RLS.

We recently received some encouraging news from Cambodia that we would like to share. Several of the students we taught in Cambodia were part of the church in Svi Roloom. Pastor Gang and his wife were part of the Bible Institute, and all three of their children graduated from the Bible College, as did several others from the church. It is exciting to hear that Gang's family has begun their own school to reach out to their community, and it seems they have quite a few students who are faithfully attending. Gang teaches Bible classes, his wife teaches Khmei, and their daughter teaches English. The Lord continues to work and grow the ministry there.

In South Africa, we were told that two of the students from the technical school were recently baptized and added to the church plant in Gugulethu. We praise the Lord for that. Also, we wanted to let you know that things with the new building are progressing though somewhat slowly for everyone's tastes. There is always a lot of red tape to take care of in these types of situations. The church continues to meet at the Graham's house until the remodeling plans can be approved and the work completed. Please pray that approval would be granted and that the work could start soon.

One final prayer request is for Rebekah as she continues to minister in Ukraine. Despite the ongoing war, God is working. Rebekah will be involved with several camp ministries over the next month, so please keep these needs before the Lord in prayer.

As we close, we once again thank you for your faithful prayers and support. You have been a vital part of all that the Lord has done and is doing, and we pray that you are encouraged as we share news of some of that fruit. Thank you once again. Take care, and God bless.

Serving the Saviour,

Ron & Tina Fruin

Prayers

- Health & safety in travels
- Ron's health
- Church building in South Africa
- Rebekah in Ukraine

Praises

- Repairs on the van
- Visits to supporting churches
- Baptisms of Gugulethu students
- Continuing work in Cambodia