

August 31, 2022

HIS STEADFAST LOVES UPHOLDS US!

MINISTRY UPDATE

We have seen the strength and grace of our faithful God this past month in BIG ways! At our weakest, He is strong (2 Corinthians 12:9).

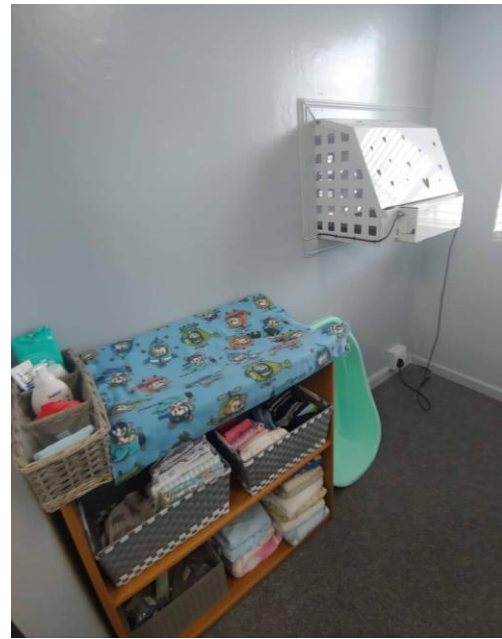
We arrived home in Indiana on Monday, August 8 after 66 long, but profitable days on the road. The Lord brought quite a few new partners for our ministry in South Africa with many others still praying and considering joining our team. We are so thankful for God's provision, safety and good health during that long trip around the north east! As this newsletter sends, we are now officially at 48% of our support level! We have a couple more people who have told us they are going to become monthly supporters, but we do not yet know the amount that will be given. Since we prayed to be at 50% by this point, we are trusting God that those unknown numbers will bring us to that amount, if not even higher.

In other news, our home has been on the market for a few weeks now, and with 18 showings so far, we've had good feedback but no offers as of yet. We know, as with everything in our lives, this sale will happen in God's timing. We praise the Lord for providing temporary housing that will be ready and available when we do sell where we can live until we move to South Africa! Meanwhile, we will continue to wait and trust Him for His perfect plan. We plan to pause the showings for the month of September so that we can start selling and purging some of our belongings without the need to constantly clean and prepare for a showing.

We are praising the Lord with our Knysna partners, JD & Leah Highfill, as in the past few weeks, they have been able to raise the funds to install and train security personnel for the first baby saver box to be placed in our South African town. The closest baby saver to this one is a 3-hour drive away. You may remember us mentioning the high rate of child abandonment in South Africa (over 10,500 in 2019 with only a 1/3 of them surviving because of the conditions of abandonment). This baby saver is a HUGE answer to prayer as we are hoping to see the lives of these littlest ones saved through the ability to anonymously leave a child in this box for safe care and survival. The box will lock the moment the door is closed, setting off an alarm to notify us and security personnel that a child has been left. We can then retrieve the child safely from the inside of our Knysna Hope building, provide immediate care, and help the child find a good foster placement. We are anxious to get out on the field to help with this and the many other life-giving initiatives waiting for us in church planting and child-welfare efforts.



[TOP] The outside of the baby saver box as it's closed with directions next to it. [LEFT BOTTOM] The outside of the baby saver box is equipped with a security camera positioned to keep the person abandoning their child anonymous while alerting security that a child has been left. [RIGHT BOTTOM] The inside of the Knysna Hope building is ready to receive the little ones safely with supplies so we can meet their immediate needs.



FAMILY UPDATE

A huge answer to prayer that's been in the works for over 6 years happened this past month. Our youngest son, Nate, has been questioning us about asking Christ to save Him from his sins for the past two years. However, each time we would talk to him about it, we wanted to truly make sure he understood the full extent of his sin and his need for his Savior, Jesus Christ, to be the only sacrifice to save him from death and hell. We also wanted him to understand that being a Christian means being a follower of our Savior in thought, word and action. Well, when he came to us this time, He really demonstrated a true knowledge and understanding of His need for Christ to change his heart and life, and as a result, he prayed and asked Jesus to save him from his sins and be Lord of his life. Needless to say, the entire family, including Nate, was crying tears of joy over this decision--an answer to prayer for many of us! The Lord is so good to seek and save those who are lost (Luke 19:10)!

Tori has been sick almost since we returned home at the beginning of the month. After much testing, she was diagnosed with double pink eye and is being treated for bronchitis/pneumonia (since both are treated with the same medications). Four prescriptions and three over-the-counter medications later, she is still struggling with a persistent cough and exhaustion. A few of the kids also caught some bad colds over the past week. We are definitely thankful to be home during this time of illness! "When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul. But the Lord has become my stronghold, and my God the rock of my refuge" (Psalm 94:19 & 22).



[LEFT] Happy, joyful faces from his siblings after Nate (orange & gray t-shirt) asked Christ to save him! [RIGHT] Big (sometimes silly) smiles for the first day of school, August 15, 2022.



PRAY FOR US!

- **PRAISE!** Even despite illness, the homeschool year was able to start on schedule and is off to a great start!
- Please continue to pray as we set up new meetings for the fall and winter. We have some upcoming missions conferences, which are great opportunities to spend longer periods of time with potential partners.
- Pray for God's perfect timing on the sale of our home and all of the details that go along with this.
- Pray for the final details to be worked out to enable the baby saver box in Knysna to start assisting babies.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Are we coming your way? If you'd like to see us and hear more about our ministry vision and financial goals, please reach out to us at fraustos4southafrica@hotmail.com.

SEPTEMBER:

- Indiana

OCTOBER:

- Indiana
- Ohio
- South Carolina
- Georgia

NOVEMBER:

- South Carolina
- North Carolina (including the [Hope for Pastors' Wives Conference](#))

DECEMBER:

- Indiana
- Delaware

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