

**February 28, 2022**

## **A Day in the Life of Missionary Deputation**

### **(Part 1: Life at Home)**

After busy road trips from September through January, this past month has been a month at home. Often friends and family will tell us on these occasions, "Oh! Good. You can get some rest!" We usually just smile and nod, but inwardly, we laugh as we think about the "rest" we usually get during these times. So, we thought we'd open up about what a typical deputation day usually looks like. "Part 1" this month will show you everything that happens when we are home in Indiana, and next month we will show you in "Part 2" how our day looks when on the road.

#### **HAPPY HOME**

Coming home from 2+ weeks of deputation usually involves a full day of settling back into home after a good night's rest in our own beds. Unpacking, laundry, putting things away, going through weeks of mail, etc. is all surrounded by a day of homeschooling. It is a busy day, but also a day where we can get our minds and bodies back into a regular routine...at least until our next deputation road trip begins. One of favorite things about returning home

is reuniting with our church family. They have been such an incredible source of prayer support and encouragement through this process!

### **UNEXPECTED UNDERTAKINGS**

Usually, within that first week home, we discover something around the house that is in need of repair or replacement. Since answering the call to go to South Africa, we have had dryer, oven, plumbing and electrical repairs along with a full replacement of our A/C unit and furnace. It has (almost) become comical on each return home to see what may break down each time. However, we take each "mishap" as another opportunity to grow in our dependence on Christ.

### **FRANK'S FEATS**

Monday through Friday, Frank's days are busy as he calls and emails pastors and possible supporters while balancing 20-25 hours a week at his part time job. He keeps record of every person called and works on the extensive follow up process. He is also busy preparing sermons and presentations for upcoming meetings. Any free moments are quickly filled with smaller home repairs, car maintenance, running our oldest to basketball practice and normal everyday busyness. This past month, he taught an adult Sunday School class and will be preaching on the church's investment in evangelism this coming Sunday night at our home church. Thanks to a kind and helpful young man in our church offering his time and media skills, Frank has also recently updated our mission presentation with some new audio enhancements for our upcoming meetings.

### **TORI'S TASKS**

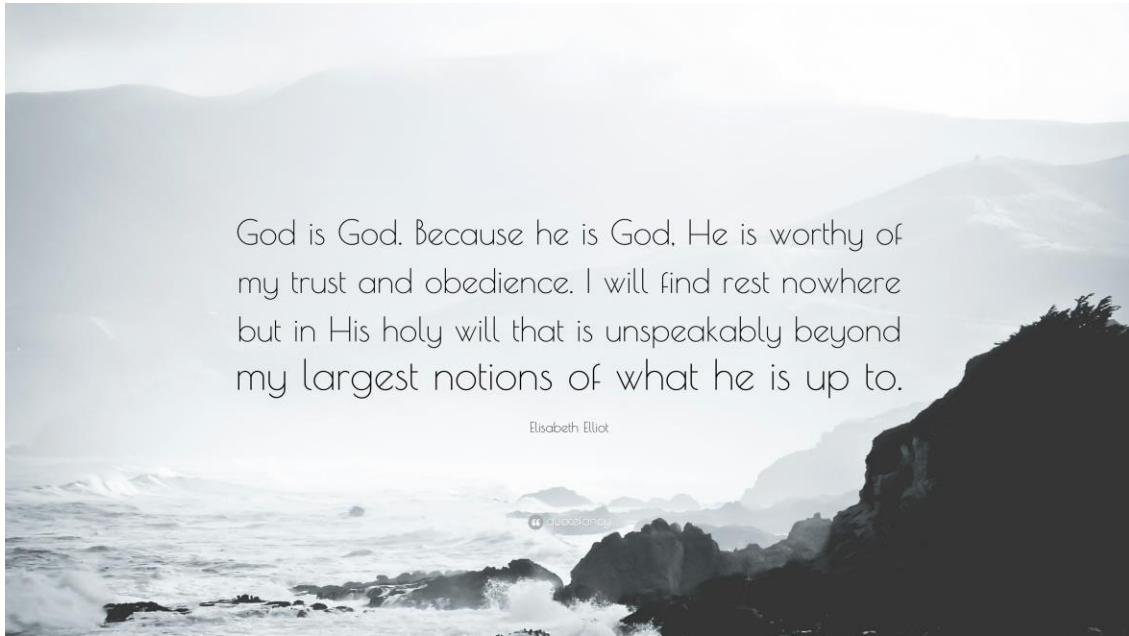
Homeschooling three of the four kids, regular housework, running the kids to doctor's appointments and hosting families for dinner has kept Tori very busy in February. She recently taught a ladies' Sunday School class on "Answering the Call to Ministry," highlighting every Christian's call to share the gospel and encourage one another to Christ-likeness. Tori's own call to serve the Lord has been particularly tested through this past month since she and two of our children were sick over the course of three weeks. On top of prepping our taxes this week, she is also working on preparing outgrown clothes and unused toys for a large consignment sale in our area.

## **CHILDREN'S CHORES**

The children are learning how to serve in our family through their daily chores of making their beds, cleaning their room, vacuuming, dusting, emptying the dishwasher, washing, drying and folding their clothes, cleaning bathrooms, etc. They have been such a huge blessing and are learning how to serve with joy as they help around the house!

It is a blessing to be able to do school at home and on the road through a video instructional program for the older two kids. The children usually take anywhere from 2 hours (Kindergarten) to 4-5 hours (3rd and 5th grade) with their homeschooling each day. Tori has enjoyed teaching Bible as they read together through missionary biographies in conjunction with geography and Bible memory. They have enjoyed learning more of Hudson Taylor, Gladys Aylward, Eric Liddell, Corrie Ten Boom, George Mueller, Nate Saint, Elisabeth Elliot, and they are currently reading through David Livingstone. They will finish the school year reading about Mary Slessor, Amy Carmichael, William Carey and Adoniram Judson. What an exciting year it's been as we have learned of the faith, perseverance and prayer lives of these incredible men and women of God! It has been a challenge to our hearts for what lies ahead for us!

So, all that to say...life at home while on deputation is just that: life at home. We are staying busy about doing the next thing that God has for us. We feel we are never resting but always trusting in "His holy will" as Elisabeth Elliot says in the quote below, and we can't wait to see what "He is up to!"



God is God. Because he is God. He is worthy of my trust and obedience. I will find rest nowhere but in His holy will that is unspeakably beyond my largest notions of what he is up to.

Elisabeth Elliot

## Pray for Us!

- Pray the Lord would lead us to churches and individuals who are ready to support our ministry!
- Next step in our mission board application: upcoming interview on March 12, meeting everyone on our mission board through Zoom.
- Safety as we drive over 1,500 miles in this next month of deputation travel.

Thank you! Your prayers and support sustain us!

## Upcoming Schedule

If you see we will be in your area, and you would like us to come present at your church, please reach out to us: [fraustos4southafrica@hotmail.com](mailto:fraustos4southafrica@hotmail.com).

**MARCH:**

- South Carolina: Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, Spartanburg
- Georgia: Atlanta area

**APRIL:**

- Missions conference at our home church, Trinity Baptist
- Mission board in-person meetings in Indiana
- Frank & Tori to attend a ministry leader's conference

**MAY:**

- Indiana

**JUNE & JULY:**

- New Hampshire (including mission board training)
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- Delaware



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"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28