



April 28, 2023

The Big Push!

MINISTRY UPDATE

Once again, the month has flown by, busy with phone calls, emails, presentations and preaching (for Frank). This past week, we have enjoyed a whirlwind trip to Pennsylvania, and we will have our final meeting in New Jersey this Sunday before heading back to Indiana on Monday. Although a short trip of just 10 days, when all is said and done, we will have had 3 church meetings, 9 individual meetings, 1 men's prayer breakfast and 1 ladies' conference.

Many have been asking where our support level is sitting right now, and we are thrilled to announce we have officially reached **92% of our needed monthly support!** We are just 8% away from our goal! The Lord is so very good!

With our goal in sight, we are now turning our full attention to expenses we will incur once we arrive in South Africa, Lord willing, this fall. Our "**startup costs**" include, but are not limited to:

- Shipping costs for our container
- One-way plane tickets for the 6 of us
- Travel health insurance until we can get private health insurance in country
- A used car
- Appliances
- Rent deposit for temporary housing until a permanent home can be purchased
- Solar power for our purchased home to counteract the 10-12 hours of power loss each day that Africa requires to manage their overburdened power grid
- A dog (a key security system to protect from thieves and monkeys)

While we initially needed about \$75,000 for these start-up fees, most of what has come in above our monthly support for the last year or so has been moved over into this "Initial Startup Fund" through our mission board. With those donations and the future anticipated sale of our two vehicles here in the US, **we should now only need an additional \$28,000** toward these initial costs.

If you would like to contribute specifically toward this fund, please make your check payable to:

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https://ibmglobal.denarionline.com/Missionaries/Detail/?missionary=Fra_S.



We had a sweet meeting this past Wednesday evening with a Spanish congregation in NJ. Frank presented, preached and Tori enjoyed seeing these friends for the first time in over 20

FAMILY UPDATE

In the short 3.5 weeks at home in Indiana, we were able to sell a few more pieces of furniture, all part of the necessary purging in preparation for our big move. The month of May will be filled with much more purging, continuing the visa process and getting our home ready to put on the market at the start of June.

Tori was able to present our ministry to our Indiana neighborhood ladies' Bible study group at the beginning of April, and then the following week was able to share a challenge with the ladies from God's Word on "Suffering Well." It was such a blessing to share her heart and burden for Knysna, South Africa with this group of incredible prayer warriors!

We were thrilled to find out this week that Amalia's birth certificate is finally on it's way to us, an almost year-long process is finally coming to an end! Thank you to all who have

been praying for this! We are still waiting to receive the renewed passports for Tori and the three boys.

We experienced a first for our family on our pre-field ministry journey...staying in a cozy camper for 3 nights while in PA. The adventure gave us a new appreciation for missionaries and evangelists who live in these homes on wheels full-time while traveling around the country.



[LEFT] Seeing dear friends and co-laborers in church ministry in PA, Kelly & Mike Stitzel. They are such an encouragement to us!

[RIGHT] Enjoying a special African children's choir concert in NJ. It truly made us all more excited for ministry on the African continent!

PRAY FOR US!

- **PRAISE!** Amalia's birth certificate is on its way to us! See more under the "Family Update."
- We are still praying to be at 100% support within the month of May. Would you pray that with us?
- Please pray our home would sell while we are in cross-cultural training during all of June.
- Pray for visa paperwork to come together this month!
- The Lord would continue to provide our Initial Startup Fund needs before our move this fall.

UPCOMING PLANS

MAY:

- Indiana meetings
- Preparing our home for putting it back on the market
- Complete visa paperwork

JULY:

- Indiana meetings
- Packing up our home for the big move

JUNE:

- House goes on the market!
- 4-Week Cross-Cultural Training as a Family in NC

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