



September 29, 2023

The First 10 Days!

MINISTRY UPDATES

After 3 flights, 2 airport buses, 1 train and 2 car rides lasting 39 hours over 2 nights (because of time differences) and through 3 countries, we made it to Knysna, South Africa on Wednesday, September 20! We are praising the Lord for smooth flights, NO lost luggage and good health for all of the flights. We did not get much sleep, but have adjusted well to the new time zone.

These first ten days on the field has been packed!

- We have settled into our rental home with our rental van
- Met with our Knysna Hope team
- Applied for a traffic permit (needed in order to purchase a car in the country)
- Searched for and have put in motion the paperwork to purchase a permanent car
- Looked at houses with a realtor, made an offer on a home & had the offer accepted
- Became familiar with some of the grocery/store options for supplies
- Set up our new South African cell phone numbers (see "Contact Information" at the end to save our new numbers)

It has been a very productive first ten days, and we couldn't have done any of it without the established Knysna Hope team. Our partners, JD & Leah Highfill, have entertained our four children during meetings, while other teammates have helped with the logistics of settling in. We are so very thankful!



[LEFT] Many from the Knysna Hope team greeted us at the airport and helped us transport our luggage to our Airbnb. What an encouragement it was to see their smiling faces when we landed! [RIGHT] Our lovely realtor, Polly, has been such a blessing during our house search.



We may not get out a newsletter every month in these busy months ahead, but we want to stay connected to you through our **NEW ministry Facebook page**. Due to spam and bots attacking our previously public page, we closed that account and created this new safe zone for our friends, family and supporters. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/FrankandToriFrausto/> to find our new page and then send us a friend request to keep up with all things "Fraustos for South Africa."

FAMILY UPDATES

The kids are settling in well despite a lot of new foods, experiences and people. They have been enjoying the down time before starting school again in October. Today, we toured their new school and met their teachers. They will start school on Monday, October 16, with the start of the fourth term. School runs from January through December here with seasonal and holiday breaks throughout the year. The kids are excited about making new friends but are also nervous about learning the metric system and Afrikaans (the Dutch-based language spoken here along with English). However, the visit today helped build excitement with our children who were most nervous.



[TOP LEFT & RIGHT] Amalia & Nate have enjoyed playing with our partners sweet dogs, Moose & Willow. [BOTTOM] Frank has been doing all of the driving so far as we have a rather large van, and driving on the right side of the car and left side of the road is not for the faint of heart. Tori will start driving once our new (smaller) vehicle arrives, hopefully this next week.

PRAY FOR US!

- **PRAISE!** The Lord has provided a vehicle and home for us in these first ten days! The owners of our new home will also let us move in earlier than the closing if our container arrives before all of the paperwork is completed. This was a direct answer to prayer!
- Please pray that all of the details of our vehicle and home purchases go smoothly.
- Pray for the safe arrival of our container. It is scheduled to leave the USA on October 2 to start heading our way.
- Pray for the children as they start school October 16.
- Please pray for us all as our bodies, hearts and minds adjust to the new culture.

UPCOMING PLANS

OCTOBER:

- October 16-Kids start school
- October 29-Singspiration with our church and neighboring towns, Frank to bring devotional
- Attend an Introduction to Counseling class at the small Bible Institute near Knysna (goes through November 11)

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER:

- November 7-Scheduled arrival date of our container (this date is subject to change & it will still need to go through customs)
- November 9-Move from our Airbnb rental to a teammates' home until our closing
- We hope to be in our purchased home by the first week of December, if not earlier.

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