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June 30, 2024

Planning for the Long Game

MINISTRY UPDATE

During our days of support raising in the US, many of you asked how you could pray for our family once we arrived on the field. One of our biggest prayer requests was to pray that we would balance life and ministry well so that we would not burn ourselves out and have longevity on the field. We never came here for the short term, but we are planning for the "long game" on the African continent. Life has definitely picked up now that we have been on the field 9 months, and we have been careful to pray through each possible ministry presented to us as there is no shortage of work to be done here. Some of that praying led us to the decision to change our monthly updates to bi-monthly. So, please note that updates will be covering TWO months of ministry moving forward.

Part of how we pray through ministry each day involves asking the Lord to help us build relationships with those around us to ultimately share the gospel and see people come to Christ and/or grow in their faith. Thankfully, South Africa's Election Day (May 29) was very peaceful. We took advantage of the school holiday that day to host a neighborhood Ice Cream Social since the weather was unusually warm for a South African winter. It was a spontaneous event, and we were excited to have seven neighbors come. This event along with hosting many of our neighbors in our home for dinners has opened up conversations about faith. Please continue to pray for our neighbors and our testimony lived out before them.

We have also now led three Youth Group meetings for ages 10-18 at Lakeside Baptist. Our group has grown! In fact, if every young person who has joined us for Youth Group showed up on the same afternoon, we would have 18 girls and guys out. Many of those that come do not know Christ, so as Frank shares the Word of God each month, please continue to pray for hearts to understand the simplicity of the gospel.

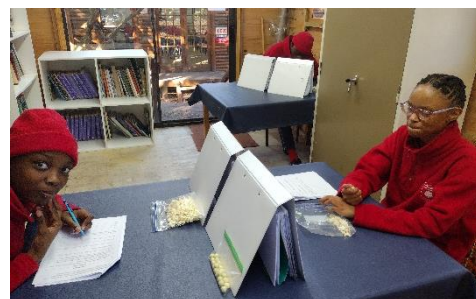
Frank & Tori have also begun taking guitar lessons from one of the dear ladies in our church. Tori fears the teacher's expectation of having us capable of joining the Sunday worship ensemble by Christmas seems a bit optimistic, but we are enjoying learning a new instrument that will be a help for church and youth events.

Tori's ministry opportunities teaching children with special needs increases. As Term 3 begins in just a week and a half, she will be increasing her volunteering in two different schools from 10 hours a week to 20 hours with grades 2, 4 and 7. Since Tori has been given permission to share a devotional before reading classes, she recently asked her grade 7 students to write down questions they had about God, the Bible or life. She has been working through Scripture to answer each question one at a time. Here are some of the topics they have covered so far:

- Why do things seem bad all the time?
- Why don't our parents like us?
- Why are we not like God?
- What does it mean to be a Christian?
- What do we have to do to get on the right path of life?
- What does God think about people who don't believe in Him?

As you can imagine, this has presented countless opportunities to share the truth of God's love and grace and His offer of salvation!

Frank's responsibilities at church have increased as well. At times, he helps to lead the Sunday worship service, preaches/teaches on Sundays and at our mid-week Bible study. He will also be co-teaching a future Bible class for the Knysna Hope Biblical Leadership Institute (BLI) on the topic of "Local Church Leadership" in July & August.



[TOP LEFT] Lakeside Baptist Youth Group event [TOP RIGHT] Neighborhood Ice Cream Social [BOTTOM LEFT] Frank helped at a Knysna Hope combined youth event with 44 teens. [BOTTOM RIGHT] Tori helped at the schools during two weeks of mid-term exams.

FAMILY UPDATE

Nate is now EIGHT! He celebrated his big birthday on June 1st, and has set big goals (especially in karate) for this upcoming year.

The three boys also had their first piano recital in May. They have worked very hard, and we look forward to seeing them use their abilities for the Lord in the near future.

We also welcomed our first guest from the States this week, Tori's dear friend, Cheryl. It has been a joy to show Cheryl the beauties of Cape Town and now our life here in Knysna as she will be with us until July 11.

The kids received their first piece of mail (just for them) recently. We have found that mail from the US can take anywhere from 8 weeks to a year to arrive here in South Africa. So, the best way to get us something is to send it over with someone coming to South Africa. On that note, we look forward to a visit from Jeff & Julie Grant from our mission board, IBMGlobal, at the end of July. If you want to ensure that a letter or card arrives to us in a more timely manner, they have graciously offered to bring it over to us. Please ensure it will arrive to them by July 17 before they leave for South Africa. You can mail it to:

Jeff Grant for The Frausto Family
c/o IBMGlobal
10 Craftsman Lane
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[TOP] Hudson, Zachary & Nate at their piano recital [BOTTOM LEFT] Nate and a couple of friends on his birthday [BOTTOM RIGHT] Tori and Cheryl, our FIRST visitor since arriving in Knysna

PRAY FOR US!

- **PRAISE!** On May 6, we heard that our high school of choice for Hudson had a place for him for the 2025 school year! What a blessing to see Hudson's faith strengthened in this answer to his heart's desire!
- Please pray as we continue to build relationships and attempt to start some 1:1 Bible studies with neighbors and new friends over the next couple of months.
- Continue to pray for our developing youth group that even more would attend and hear of Christ.

UPCOMING PLANS

- June 9: Term 3 for school starts for Tori & the kids
- June 12: Lakeside Youth Group
- July 13: Frank starts teaching Bible class at BLI through August
- July 25: Visit from Jeff & Julie Grant from our mission board, IBMGlobal
- August: Youth Group will increase to twice a month
- August 7: Frank begins teaching new Wednesday Bible study at Lakeside

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