

Greetings from South Africa!

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For the first night in about a week, we do not have the fireplace roaring. The temperature has warmed somewhat - it's now 58 F/15 C. It's been downright chilly the past several days here, with a lot of rain and cloudy days. It's getting dark very early too, so it's dark when we get up and dark when we go to bed. I guess we're looking forward to summer, and it's not even the middle of winter yet!

As you know from last week's note, I was sick last week. Very sick! In fact, I canceled Wednesday's appointments and all of Thursday's appointments. I stayed in bed for those two days. I was afflicted by shakes, chills, headaches, chest congestion, and body aches. Late Thursday I pulled myself out of bed to go and see the doctor. She prescribed a round of antibiotics and gave me a steroid as well as an injection of Voltaren for the muscle aches. It was so helpful. By Friday I was already feeling better! I still am a bit congested, but I'm on an inhaler for that so hopefully that too will soon clear up! Janet has managed to avoid the worst of it, as has Megan, thankfully.

Speaking of Megan, we are so grateful to God for the way it has worked out with her eye surgery. Her first surgery was completed without incident and her second surgery was done today. She has handled it well, she's now relaxing after the anesthetic has worn off. Tomorrow her patch comes off and she can begin to use her eye. We're all anxious to hear how she describes the sensation of being able to see clearly again! We have booked her return flight to Canada for June 11. She will fly to Edmonton, then travel to Athabasca, where she'll spend the rest of the summer working with her brother at Home Hardware. This is such an answer to prayer, as she needed to work to make a little to contribute to college. Lord willing, she should be back at Faith in late August. We thank you all for praying. The speed with which this entire procedure fell into place, including the arrival of the lenses and the availability of the surgeon has the look of divine providence from beginning to end. You prayed - and God answered. Thanks for faithfully representing us to the Father!

On Friday, I held the first funeral I have done since I arrived in Knysna. Over the past few months, there has been a divorced lady attending our church. She introduced me to her aunt who was a faithful believer. I visited her a couple of times and encouraged her in the Word, and once or twice the ladies' Bible study from our church went to her house and had the study there. Merleyne was too riddled with cancer to get out. She's been suffering from cancer for 15 years. So, although it was a surprise when she passed, it wasn't unexpected. Before she passed, she asked me to preach at her funeral. It was a great gospel opportunity. She had a strong testimony of faith in the Lord, but many of her family members do not believe. They were all present at the family. Pray for ongoing fruit among the Pickering and the Boshard family.

We had a great boys' Bible study on Friday. We had a visiting pastor from the USA here, so he challenged the boys from the Word, and our resident intern Jared ran a game for the occasion. We had 22 boys in attendance. On Saturday, I met with Hlumelo from our Bible study. He has recently come to Christ and I am keen to begin the process of discipling him. We met for breakfast, and Hlumelo gave the right answers to my questions as I attempted to discern if he really understood the gospel. I'm encouraged by Hlumelo's interest - pray for him. Every possible factor is stacked against his success, but of course, God is able to overcome all of the obstacles!

Noah is writing exams this week, so he has an erratic schedule. He's gotten a few driving lessons in, and so far, so good...I guess! Noah gave a speech at high school last week and talked to the students about why bad things happen to good people from the life of Job. He won first prize for his presentation!

Jared our intern preached on Sunday and we're seeing improvement in his delivery and ability to study the word. Pray for his continued development as a preacher.

Our church is hosting a couples retreat on June 16-17, so please be in prayer for that!

Finally, please continue to pray about our church property. We have made a couple of visits to a retreat center that would serve us well as a church facility - and a place to welcome teams, etc. The price is beyond our reach, but we

believe that if we dream big, and trust God for the increase, then there is no telling what He will do. After all, has He not promised to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or think?

We're grateful for you, dear friends. We could not do what we are doing without you all!

Stay Faithful

Herb (for the Tribe)

1) Janet and Megan after surgery #2 (2) Noah and our intern James. (3) Large room at the retreat center we looked at for a possible church location (4) Outdoor courtyard at the retreat center. The entire property is for sale. (5) large shed at the retreat center (6) Shed from the outside - possible church meeting place? (7) Pastor John Tracey with the Bible Boys (8) Megan and her good friend Alizwa met for coffee this week

