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Dear friends in Christ,



"But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

Acts 20:24

After the apostle Paul became a believer, our Lord Jesus Christ informed him how much he would suffer for the sake of Christ (Acts 9:16). Paul had been beaten, imprisoned, shipwrecked, stoned, slandered; he experienced weariness and pain, hunger and thirst, cold and nakedness; along with the care of all the churches he had established (2 Corinthians 11:23-28). Through all of his harrowing experiences he says, "But none of these things move me..." Move him from what? Paul answers the question himself. He would not allow any situation, event, or trial to detract him from fulfilling the course and call he had received from our Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. This verse is extremely important in the times in which we live. Just like Paul, we have received a ministry from the Lord whether you live in the US, here in South Africa or some other country. It seems "battlelines" are being drawn and the "cancel culture" groups are winning. The Roman empire was filled with all kinds of injustices, but it is interesting that Paul never talks about the Roman Empire of which he was a citizen? When called to stand before any government leader, he used the opportunity to preach the gospel of Christ. Paul even said that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes (Romans 1:16). Many of the things that the US is experiencing are what we live with on a regular basis. Yet, we do not let these things pull us away from the reason God has sent us here. What is going on in the world isn't our concern. We follow a different leader and He has never lost a battle, never lost a soldier, never been surprised and will always work His will in all situations. We pray that in the times in which we are living, the love of our Christian family as taught in 1 John and our compassion for the lost as given in Luke 10:25-37 will guide our actions and that our lives will echo the words of Paul, "that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death." Philippians 1:20.

We continue to praise the Lord that our Zoom group continues to grow! We have one service a week at the church and four other services with Zoom. We meet at 9 am on Sundays for a service on Zoom, then at 11 at the church. Sunday evening at 7 is on Zoom, as well as Wednesday at 7. We finish up each week with a class on Saturday mornings at 9. It is not easy for the Deaf as South Africa has extremely high data costs for cell phones. Our hearts are blessed that we have such a good group, knowing the cost for them to be using data to learn the Bible.

The Wendy house has about one day's work left, and it will be finished. Next month we will send pictures of how it looks. Thanks again to all who gave towards that need. Please remember the need of a shipping container for the 10.6 million tracts on the way. They should arrive the end of this month. In case you missed it, we need \$2800 to purchase a sea container to store the tracts for distribution.

In closing, Seth is doing so well. His dad worked in an area that has required him to be quarantined a few days, so Jennifer and Seth are staying with us. Every day we give praise to the Lord for answered prayer in little Seth's life.

In Christ,

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