

April 9th, 2022

Dear Friends in Christ.

Thank you for your prayers! We arrived to the US on March 23rd to a very cold Minneapolis and we weren't prepared for the cold weather. We stayed the night in a hotel and flew the next day to St. Louis where we again stayed overnight in a hotel. On the 24th, we collected a van from Righteous Rides. We then headed just south of Springfield, Missouri to The Brook at Bethpage where we

rested for a few nights before heading to the home that was prepared for Jennifer and Brandon.

After having some time to get accustomed to the time change, we made our way back to St. Louis to the home where Jennifer and Brandon will live. You can imagine the surprise when they entered their home and found it furnished with beds, a kitchen table, a couch, and other surprises! We give a big THANK YOU to Pastor Curtis and the members of Grace Baptist Church in St. Charles, Missouri. The love they have shown us has been overwhelming. They provided gift cards for gas and groceries and even some spending money! We never expected such an outpouring of love. Grace has supported us for a very long time as we've ministered in Africa. One of their members, Lane, provided a beautiful newly renovated home for Jennifer and Brandon to rent. The blessings provided by the members of Grace are humbling.

Once in the home, we prepared for the two consultations with the doctors at St Louis Children's Hospital. Seth had two tests done on the morning of April 6th, an echo, and an EKG along with a chest x-ray. The first consultation was with the chief surgeon, Dr. Eghtesady. The doctor spent quite a long time with us and was reassuring that they would do all they could to avoid a heart/lung transplant. We ended his consultation feeling better about what may come.

On April 7th, we met with the cardiologist, Dr. Balzer. He explained that he and Dr. Eghtesady had spent time going over all of Seth's records, including the recent CT scan in South Africa. He shared that both of them felt that Seth does not need a transplant at this time. There are other things that must be explored that hold the strong possibility that he would never need a transplant. Seth was scheduled for a heart Cath which will provide the information they need that will confirm what they feel at this time. Seth may need surgery on vessels in his chest, but this would provide the blood flow that is needed. Please pray for Seth as this test will be in the next two or three weeks.

We thank all of you who have given for Seth's medical costs. At the last minute before flying, we were faced with the need for a portable oxygen concentrator and batteries which cost over \$4000! However, God already had a plan. Immediately, without knowing our need, we received a call from Brother Ted Camp of Silent Word Ministries. They had a special gift and added to that gift to cover the cost of the oxygen concentrator! Two South African churches bought the batteries! All of this happened a few days before our departure from South Africa. As we've said in previous letters, God has worked every step of the way, providing the need according to His timing. Sometimes we wish He would provide long before the deadline, but we are happy to thank and praise Him for coming through even at the last minute.

At present, we have increased the amount needed on GiveSendGo due to the testing costs that are coming in a few weeks. If you could share this on any of your social media outlets we would appreciate it. If you are like us, we don't have any of these except for you and the Lord. Just to remind you, the two ways you can give are on the GiveSendGo website (see link below) or through our mission office. Any gift will be appreciated. If you don't have to give, please give what you do have, meaning time to pray.

In Christ,

Chris and Lucinda Radebaugh South Africa.

To give online, go to...

www.givesendgo.com/G2H5V

This will take you to the GiveSendGo website.

If you prefer, you can send your donation to our mission office. Please make all checks payable to Baptist International Outreach. In the Memo, be sure to write **Gift--Seth Fund**. Send to

BIO PO Box 587 Jefferson City, TN 37760

Thank you in advance for your willingness to help with this need. We appreciate it more than you know.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2