Chris & Lucinda Radebaugh

Missionaries to the Deaf - South Africa



Dear Friends in Christ,

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

Acts 20:32

The apostle Paul had spent a great deal of time in Ephesus. He prepares to leave and gives them his final message in Acts 20. It was an intensely emotional time for the Ephesians and Paul. After 39 years of missionary work, which includes 35 years of foreign missionary work, we can fully understand the emotions of that hour. Throughout our years of living in Africa, furlough always brings the excitement of seeing family and friends again but sorrow as we leave the ones we've ministered to and loved. We've never stressed over this, as we've spent countless hours training and guiding the leadership so that the work carries on. The work of the Lord must not be built around a man, as its hallmark must be the Word of God and our Lord Jesus Christ. Whether pastors or missionaries, we are dispensable. But the work of God must continue for generations to come.

Sipho is doing an outstanding job guiding the Bible Baptist Church of the Deaf and the Zoom classes. Matthews continues with Tshwane Deaf Baptist Church in Pretoria. And most recently, Munya has been ministering in Cape Town to start a new church for the Deaf. Praise the Lord!

We are now in the US, having left South Africa on the 22^{nd} of March. Seth completed his first two visits to St. Louis Children's Hospital on the 6^{th} and 7^{th} of April. We thank the Lord for the results of those visits. The doctors have pushed a heart/lung transplant off the table for now and will be conducting some tests to see how they can avoid that altogether. As they study Seth, pray that God will guide them to see what He wants them to see.

Currently, we are staying in St Louis with Jennifer and her family. We are available if you would like us to come to visit and report. We can only plan meetings through June because I (Chris) may have to return to South Africa at the end of June as we have no one to watch our home. We are praying that won't be necessary.

We thank the Lord for you, your prayers, and your faithful support. We didn't know what would happen during the time of Covid. We praise the Lord for your faithfulness in giving to missionaries' needs. The last four years have been busy! We've finished the Wendy house project, Bible Baptist Church of the Deaf underwent significant maintenance, and we saw ministry expansion through Zoom. It is a great blessing to see that the Deaf have been faithful and the work of the Lord continues strong and growing as we look forward to the opening of college again in February.

You may call us at 740-731-1495. We will be happy to come and share with you the blessed work of the Lord amongst the Deaf of South Africa.

In Christ,

Chris and Lucinda 9 April 2022

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