ARON FAMILY Sissionaries to South Africa



Hello Churches and praying friends,

We've been having a great summer so far in the States. As we mentioned in our last letter, we are currently on a furlough, which is going well. We enjoyed family time for the first few weeks. I was in my brother-in-law's wedding at the end of May, and we celebrated Mercy's 7th birthday while the family was still all together.

On the same day as Mercy's birthday, June 5th, Compassion Baptist Fellowship in South Africa had its two-vear anniversary. It was hard to be away while they celebrated that milestone, but we are thankful that they are going strong there and the Lord is greatly blessing the church. We enjoyed the pictures and videos of the special service they had.

We've had several meetings at new churches in Florida, Georgia, and Alabama, and we are currently in Texas visiting some supporting churches as well as some new ones. We were able to help with a VBS at one of the churches we were staying at for a week. They went all-out with the decorations and lessons, but the main children's pastor had recently moved, so they were grateful that we could be there to fill in. The whole week was such a blessing to us. After the preaching each night, I was able to use the visuals that I use with the children in South Africa to clearly present the Gospel. Many of you know, my wife grew up on the mission field of Guyana, South America, and her parents are still serving there. Several of the churches they started or have helped in some way now support us. We thought it would be a good idea to visit Natalie's parents as well as update our supporters there, so we went to Guyana for a few days. I preached in our 4 supporting churches while there, and we had a wonderful time of fellowship.

We are looking forward to returning home to South Africa in early December. We talk often with everyone over there, and everything is going well so far. They have broken some attendance records recently. Eight teens went on the last activity for earning enough points through Bible memorization, bringing visitors and overall participation in the services. We are really proud of them, especially a few who stepped up and worked harder this time.

We were able to hire one of the teenage boys, Onwaba, to help Malcolm part-time. Onwaba has been coming for over a year, and growing in his faithfulness this year particularly. He has a great spirit. He's good-natured and humble, and willing to help however he can, and he has been a great assistant to Malcolm.

We recently met a couple while at a meeting who came up to us after the service and expressed interest in coming to South Africa to help our ministry there. We have been in contact with them since then and the plan is for them to come next January and stay for three months while praying and considering if that is where God wants them to serve permanently. We are overioved at the prospect of them partnering with us. God is answering our prayers for labourers!

One of our goals this furlough is to raise funds for a few specific needs for the ministry there. We have maxed out our bus and take several trips to get people to services, so we are in need of another church bus and secondly, we have a desire to start a camp in the future so we need to purchase a plot of land.

If you or your church would like to help in either of these areas, you can do so by sending it to: International Baptist World Missions 1729 Gross Rd. Mesquite, Tx 75149 and my name in the memo

Thank you so much for your prayers as we continue to travel. We have several big trips coming up, and our schedule has filled up almost completely until we leave!

We are so very grateful for what God is doing in Durban, South Africa, and we're extremely thankful to you for being part of it through your love, prayers, and support. By the way, If you would like to contact me you can do so by email or by calling my Stateside number, (945-269-2160). Thank you for reading this update!

Your Partner for the Gospel in South Africa,

-The Aaron Family

