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“For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.” Acts 13:47

Prayer Requests:

- Pastor Donovan as he leads the church and need of church property.
- Church van to be fixed.
- Safe and timely arrival of packages.
- Salvation: parents, Bernd, Sylvia, and Mr. Mostert.
- Upcoming chalk-talk.
- Mr. & Mrs. Banda: marital problems.
- The Lord's leading in our ministry.

Praises:

- Visas acquired and safe arrival in SA!
- Church growth!
- Completion of furlough!



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We Arrived Safe, Sound, and...VERY Tired!

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ! Oh, how Jennifer and I appreciate all your faithful prayers on our behalf! Praise the Lord, we arrived safely in South Africa on the 27th of April. We have spent the last few days getting over jet-lag and cleaning our home (ants have tried to make a kingdom out of our home and we have declared war on them). It has also been truly wonderful to see many new faces along with everyone I have known for a long time.

With all the changes that have taken place the latter part of April, recalling and reporting on the first few weeks of the month seems like looking into the distant past. However, I will try to sweep away the cobwebs and bring you all up to date. Jennifer and I were able to be “home” over Easter which was a wonderful blessing though we had very little time for relaxation. Jennifer spent most of the time packing things away, while I helped Pastor Danny put up a fence.

Friday, the 9th of April, we heard the distressing news that our visa paperwork had been rejected! Praise the Lord, all we had to do was fill out another form, make changes to a money order and get everything sent in as soon as we could. With that done, our passports were returned on the 16th with our three year visas inside, and we were even given an extra month, hallelujah! Thank you all for praying!

We headed back out the 10th of April to fulfill our last leg of furlough in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia, and arrived “home” the final time the 22nd with about three and a half days to finish all our departure preparations. As you can imagine, we kept busy. We mailed six boxes mostly containing various ministry aides and packed everything we took on the plane as full as possible. On the 26th we headed off early to Dulles Intl. Airport, said final goodbyes, and flew off to our home. We truly appreciate all the love shown to us during our furlough; we are honored to serve the Lord as co-laborers. Likewise, we sincerely appreciate all the special goodbyes.

Praise the Lord, almost everything survived the baggage handlers without any damage. Unfortunately, we did not handle the long flights quite so well as our luggage, and it took us a while to recover. Lately, we have been fixing our cottage into a place fit for a new wife. I have taken Jennifer into Tembisa and Phomolong (poo-muh-long) and we have been privileged to attend the various services of the Chloorkop Independent Baptist Church. I have been encouraged to see many married couples added to the church and blessed to witness Pastor Donovan's care of the church. Please pray for Mr. Banda and his wife, Juliet, that they will overcome marital problems. We also desire your prayers for us as we seek God's perfect will for our lives. God bless you, dear friends, we thank you wholeheartedly for your faithful prayers.

The Lord's Doings: by Mrs. Radebaugh

Greetings from South Africa! Upon arrival, I was amazed to discover how modern South Africa really is. The country has huge shopping malls (with escalators), nice grocery stores, and many South Africans commute in top model cars. For awhile I felt as though I was still in America. . .that is until we entered Tembisa. Tembisa is an area where many poor people live. I was amazed to see mounds of decaying trash heaped up on the sides of the road while rats scurried across the street. Many of the houses in this area are about the size of one standard bedroom in America. We had the privilege of attending a Bible study group in a home such as this in another area. There were about seventeen of us gathered around as Pastor Donovan shared a lesson on the Grace of God. It really has been lovely getting to meet some of these dear folks and seeing their love for the Lord. It has blessed my heart to hear the young people pray in church. They have a strong desire to see their parents come to Christ. Please pray for the Lord's blessings upon our first chalk drawing we will be doing for the teens, as soon as our paper arrives.

All for Christ,
The Radebaughs