

Prayer Points

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We are giving thanks for God's dealings with a young woman in our congregation who wandered away from the Lord while we were away in the States but found that God was not turning loose of her. He brought much chastening into her life during this time and she realized she had no choice but to return to the church and to a godly lifestyle, which she longed to do anyway. Before her departure she had distinguished herself in several ways in the church, and through all our years here she had been our only strong female believer. We were much disappointed by her fall, but in fact she is more ardent now in her devotion to God than before, having seen that He is watching over her like a wise and powerful father who will not suffer His children to stray. Her story is in our next newsletter which should be mailed in the coming week.

We thank God for enabling us to re-open the book store 2 April with all "volunteer" labor - and we have a waiting list of people willing to help if any of our present staff need to be replaced. We are pleased with the fine people God has sent to help. Two are pastors.

Last Sunday we baptized one of our long-time church attendees and received a second into church membership. We have a third person waiting to be received into membership. These are all solid professions of faith with good evidence of regeneration. We are grateful for these answers to prayer.

My major workload continues to be administrative. While Salome Van Niekerk is here I am trying to batten down all the hatches that have been left ajar for so long. It is not very exciting work, but necessary. I have spent six months in ***a futile attempt to satisfy the local labor department*** in our employment of seven Mozambicans. It is just a matter of shuffling paperwork. ***I would appreciate prayer that this major administrative time-drain would soon come to an end.***

I have resumed my Saturday morning Bible class, in addition to the Scripture memory class and teaching a third of the Sundays in the pulpit rotation shared with our two Mozambican leaders. The Saturday class is a survey of the Old Testament. Last week I had 13 students at our second class. ***Pray that the various teaching ministries of the church would be well attended and used of God to strengthen our people.***

Please continue to pray that God would supply the money we need to start construction of the hospital in earnest. We are working out arrangements with Wayne Pretorius from RSA to come build the maintenance building in October. It would be nice to proceed with the rest of construction when that is done. Our potential "deep pocket" donor in the States still has been unable to secure capital for re-drilling his natural gas well. Pray that God would prosper his efforts. If the borehole were as productive as he says it would be, there would be millions of dollars available for many Christian ministries.

Andrew has been leading a local soccer/evangelistic ministry to the young people in our neighborhood. We are glad for this opportunity to build relationships with the community. ***Pray that it will result in spiritual fruit as well.***

A missionary supplier in England is now looking for the specialized Land Rover with post-factory alterations we would like to import. ***Pray that we may soon have a replacement for our 18 year old Land Rover.***

At home, we are all well and everyone is busy. Our main home activity is schooling the kids. They are doing fine, but consistency and effort are constantly required.

Thanks for your prayers:
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