

HILE HAPPENINGS

"WORKING AS A TEAM TO BUILD CHURCHES THAT ARE ACTIVELY REACHING THE WORLD."



2nd Quarter - 2009

"In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety." – Psalm 4:8

Praises:

1. Safety in Travels
2. Positive Meetings with Churches
3. Time with Family
4. Recruitment of short-termers
5. Thompsons doing well in our absence

Prayer Requests:

1. Shortfall in Monthly Support (\$558)
2. Difficult Situation at Community Connection
3. Finances for Land & Building "Connection Construction"
4. Our Kids & Schoolwork
5. Safety as we travel
6. Finances for Vehicle Purchase

Forthcoming Attractions:

July

- 5 - Harvest Baptist, Wapak, OH
- 12 - To Be Determined
- 19 - Grace Baptist - Cedarville, OH
- 20-25 - Lincoln Lake Camp - MI
- 26 - Faith Baptist - Elida, OH
- 27-Aug. 1 - Camp Palmos, OH

August

- 2 - Southgate Baptist, Springfield, OH
- 3 - Sara & kids fly back to Durban
- 9 - Meadowbrook Baptist, Lima, OH
- 16 - Calvary Baptist - Covington, KY
- 17 - Bobby flies back to Durban

September

- 6 - Fellowship Sunday
- 12 - Dodgeball Outreach
- 13 - SS Teacher Luncheon
- 14 - Day of Prayer & Fasting
- 19 - Men's Breakfast

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Prayer Partners:

A peaceful sleep is hard to come by in these difficult days, especially if you're a missionary on furlough. It has been 3 months since we slept in our own bed. We have 2 months to go. God is good anyway, and He makes us to dwell in safety.

Safety is a constant prayer request for missionaries. Safety in the midst of crime and chaos that takes place on the mission field and safety while traveling on furlough. The following story illustrates God's answer on our behalf.

We were traveling back to Lowell, MI, from Mackinaw City. We had just spent a week with Sara's family on vacation. Soon after we started we heard a strange rumbling noise at the front of the car. I stopped the van to have a look. I checked the tires and under the hood but nothing seemed out of order. So, I climbed back into the van and we took off.

The noise continued so we decided to stop at the next town and get some help. About 25 miles later, we stopped at a red light. When I hit the accelerator to move again it sounded like we had a flat tire. I turned the corner to get off the main road and Sara said, "Oh my goodness the wheel fell off!" The tire was in tact but the wheel had fallen completely off.

Then it started to rain. We phoned for a tow-truck. Then a Michigan State Trooper came to assist. I road in the truck, Sara and the kids road with the State trooper and we arrived at a tire shop just before quitting time on a Saturday afternoon.

We had just enough cash to pay for the tow. As we pulled into the tire shop, I gave \$75 to the driver and asked him for a receipt. I told him I'd collect the receipt after chatting with the tire man. As I walked back out to the truck, the driver handed my receipt and my money and said, "Compliments of the police officer." The State Trooper paid our tow. I found out later from Sara that he was a believer. Praise the Lord for His provision.

A few studs had to be replaced along with the lug-nuts. No major damage apart from the slight bend in the fender when the wheel fell off. Total bill: \$57. Praise the Lord for His protection. If the wheel had fallen off at 65mph, the story might have ended a bit differently! **"In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety." – Psalm 4:8**

A week later we had another experience with a State trooper. This one was not as pleasant. And he didn't offer to pay! ☹️ **"In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety." – Psalm 4:8**

Car challenges seem to surround us. We were informed this week that our car in SA is in the shop again for repairs. We had major work done before coming to the States. We left it with a friend and he had trouble with it. It has been sitting in the repair shop for the last 2 months. A new vehicle has been a part of our prayer requests for the past several months, now it looks like it's moved up a notch. **"In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety." – Psalm 4:8**

It's difficult to be away from your people when they are facing struggles. **Pray** for The Community Connection in our absence. We were just informed recently that R10,000 from the church finances was unaccounted for. After further investigation, it was revealed that the bookkeeper had deposited it to her account with no paper trail. She and her husband are meeting with men in our church for counsel and a process of restoration and restitution. Praise the Lord for the Thompsons who are standing in the gap for us. **"In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety." – Psalm 4:8**

Pray for our church plant as we seek land and a building. We have established a new project account at ABWE called the "Connection Construction." We are seeking to raise funds to assist our church plant in getting land and a building. If you'd like more info about that, drop us an e-mail.

Pray for us as we have 10 more churches to report to and speaking opportunities in two summer youth camps. **Pray** for us as we prepare to return to Durban and say goodbye to friends and family. Lord willing, we'll be returning in August. **Pray** that our monthly short-fall (\$558) will be raised without the addition of new churches. **Pray** for Sara and the kids as they depart on Monday, 3 August and transition back into school and life in Ballito. **Pray** for me as I head back to Durban on 17 August. **Pray** for our vehicle need when we return. Have we mentioned yet that we need prayer? ☺️

Thanks for your faithfulness to the work God has called us to. We are partners together for the sake of the Gospel! **"In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety." – Psalm 4:8**

In Christ,

Bobby + Sara

