

January/February 2023

Dear Pastor and Church Family,

We hope you had a blest and Christ honoring Christmas. We wish you a Happy New Year as we draw another year closer to the Lord's coming! We certainly know it is closer as we look at the love of so many waxing cold and the perversions of our day growing each day. Yet, the light of the Gospel shines brighter and brighter as the days draw darker and closer. Oh the need for more laborers in the Lord's harvest!

The last six months have been a world wind of activity. We came states side to file for our visa renewals the end of May last year. The renewal process was estimated to take 9 to 10 months but it only took 3 months. Another miracle and answer to prayer! We took full advantage of our time in the states, travelling 15,000 miles while visiting over 30 churches and supporters.

Before we received the visas, we had scheduled a 90 day visit to SA in late October on a visitor's visa to take care of many things in SA. We had two weddings scheduled. The first wedding was performed by a dear friend of our ministry due to the South African Consulate holding our passports (renewals) and having to reschedule our flight. The second wedding was the 10th of December. On the health side, Karen missed her 9 month appointment and a few weeks of her medications due to the delay when the Consulate held our passports. However, we rejoice in Karen's first annual post cancer tests. They all came back with good reports.

Our church hired its first full time employee. Ciano has been a faithful member of our church for 5 years. He has the call of God to preach. IBC hired Ciano as our new Youth Leader and Assistant to the Pastor. We have challenged him to build our Youth Department and over the next four years to train his replacement. Then our church will stand behind and assist him financially to start a new church. Another man in our church, Shane, will take his survey trip to Western Uganda in April. He is called to be a missionary to the Congo. He starts deputation in May. We have set our church up as his sending agency.

We had two missions trips last year. The first was in January, five of us went to Uganda for a conference. In November a group of four went to the Gaborone, Botswana. We call that "Capitol Soulwinning". Since we are the only Independent Baptist Church in Pretoria, we have a burden to reach the four countries capitols that are within a few hours from us. In Gaborone we found a solid Independent Baptist Church and missionary from BIMI. It was great fellowship and encouragement for all. We also praise the Lord for the 23 that our missions team personally lead to the Christ.

We returned to the States on the 16th of December and enjoyed Christmas with our children and grandchildren in Charlotte. We will finish up the meetings we had scheduled in January, and plan for our new container of Scriptures to be sent in a few months. Please pray for the Lord's provision for shipping costs. They have doubled since our last container! We are looking forward to our SA return on March 15. We have a busy year planned ahead! God Bless!

Yours In Missions, Brow Myree Bro. Jerrold Myers

