



Jerrold & Karen Myers

Missionaries to

South Africa

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Dear Pastor and Church Family,

We have so many things to report and it could easily take several pages but, will spare you many of the details in this prayer letter! We've had a real set back with the land. A meeting was set with the Vice Chairman of the land committee. Things have again changed since the first of the year, they plan to publish the land for anyone, country wide to submit a quote. Which means we will also have to resubmit also, then it will take months to receive all the offers and a decision to be made as to whom they will actually lease the land. Remember we have pursued this land for almost two years already! We are going to keep up the process. Also, our Permanent Residence status was placed on hold. We were told the exemptions applied for just would not be granted at this time. Obviously, the South Africa government doesn't really consider our ministry as beneficial. However, these two situations may seem impossible and permanently out of reach, the Lord still performs miracles!

The Lord's timing usually is not our timing. IBC called their next pastor last week. Pastor Gary Walsh will be moving to Pretoria with his family in June/July this year. He is a personal friend and an experienced pastor. I expect great things for the future of IBC. Karen and I will be transitioning the church and ministries with the Walsh's until mid-October. Then we will officially begin our next furlough on 1 November 2024. Our last furlough began in 2015 and that means we haven't taken a furlough in over 8 years. Yes, we have taken short trips for the birth of grandbabies, death of my Mom and of course the dreaded back and forth for visas' twice.

We are planning to schedule as much of our furlough as possible before we come state sides. Right now our schedule is open from February 2025. We would love to come and share what the Lord's doing in South Africa and in Uganda. There are several ways to contact me: WhatsApp (+27 82 557 5327), US phone number (256) 542-1443 (Please call during the US morning hours. We are 6 hours (Eastern time) ahead of US time) and of course our email: mbcwmjgm@yahoo.com. We would love to come for your mission conference or any special meetings next year.

Some really good news from Uganda! Pastor Jaluge informed me last month they held a Pastor's fellowship for all of East Africa. They had a total of 600 pastors and visitors from almost every East Africa country. Several saved during meetings, visitation and many baptisms were reported. Just yesterday Pastor Jaluge sent me plans for a new multi-purpose building. It will serve as new church/school offices, classes and storage. It will also have a nice prophet's chamber. After getting over the shock of the sticker price. US\$ 54,140,000(!) I realized in US dollars its just \$15,500. You sure can't build a building here in SA or USA for that price!

We ask for your prayers. Karen's kidney function has been steadily reducing. She sees a specialist on the 20th of March. Our personal physician and cancer doctor are very concerned about retaining and hopefully recovery of more function. Otherwise, she will not be able to have the right knee replacement surgery. **Please note change in field address and Jerrold's Cell # below.** As always we so appreciative of your prayers and support that allows us the privilege of serving the Lord here in Africa!

Yours In Missions,

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