

The Sayers' in South Africa

Coming to America!

Feb 2025

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Nathan and Don have been invited to attend the Shepherd's Conference in Los Angeles next week! The trip has been fully sponsored and Nathan will be getting a private tour of Master's University while we are in LA.

Rachel and I cannot afford the Master's University and we mentioned this to the host, but he insists there are scholarships available that may allow Nate to attend. He is very excited about their highly regarded Engineering Degree program.

We are still pinching ourselves a bit with this sudden and unsolicited gift, but so looking forward to attending the Shepherd's Conference and for seeing what the Lord may have planned for Nathan. Please do pray for this amazing opportunity. That if the Lord wills, it will be so.

I will also be preaching at a supporting Church just outside of Dallas on the way back to South Africa. We only have 2 American supporting Churches but we have not had the opportunity to visit this one so far South of the 51st state 😊. We are very pleased they could fit us in with short notice and that I will be able to meet the Saints at Grace and enjoy the famous Texas hospitality. Nathan and I will be watching re-runs of Walker Texas Ranger so that we totally fit in.

Safe House Update.

We were once again spoiled by Extreme Response as they organized a wonderful afternoon of gift giving, pizza party, Christmas stories and outdoor games.

5 of our children were also able to attend a sponsored Summer Camp during the Christmas holidays as well as Surfing School classes with Surf Pop.

Tamara has matriculated and was accepted at False Bay College for their Business and Tourism Diploma program. She has been enrolled since mid-Jan and enjoying the challenge in this next phase of life for her.

As a bonus, Tamara has moved into Home From Home's transition house in Lake Side, where she lives with 5 other young ladies who are also studying. They are all working together towards independence and she is feeling 'suddenly grown-up' with the big changes



that have come all at once. Do pray for Tamara as she will miss her brothers and Sister's from Beauty's house, but she isn't so far away that she cannot visit on the odd weekend.

Beauty has been working with the Department of Social Services to fill Tamara's room with another child that needs Parents and a loving home to grow up in. Pray for Tamara as journey's into the next phase of life the Lord has for her, and for Beauty as she welcomes another child into her home soon.

Pray for us as we enter into the Audit Season with the Department of Social Services. We are very confident we will pass with flying colours but we are also aware that they may find some administrative or technical error we may have overlooked. It's always a stressful time, but we trust that the Lord will see us through.

Child Sponsorship!

As promised (threatened?) I would remind everyone about the new sponsorship program we will be starting. We want to test the feasibility of this model through your feedback. Since December, we have had 4 people interested.

Sponsorship will be \$35 a month and will go a long way to help us cover extra-curricular activities, after-school tutors, School uniforms, books and home-maintenance.

DO let us know if this is something you would be willing to partner in.

Living Hope Bible Church.

We've just finished our AGM and have so much to thank the Lord for over the past year. Our church family has grown in numbers, but it is the growth in the Saint's love and concern for one another that has been most evident. We are so thankful for the desire for solid food of the Word and the way the saints 'outdo one another in good deeds'.

We have planned a number of outreaches for the next year, a missions trip to Jo'burg again and 2 conferences at our new venue. Please pray that the Lord would be glorified in all we do and that we would have many opportunities to share the hope that is in us, to a perishing world.

Epistle Subscription

Another change we are making for the new year is migrating to an online email/update platform called "Epistle". It is a central portal where all of our monthly updates will be uploaded and accessible to all who Subscribe.

Yes, it is a free subscription, but it does mean if you want more frequent updates, this will be the best way to catch up on our happenings. I know most may not be keen on signing up for 'another'

subscription, but this will be unbelievable, better than anyone thought possible. Probably the best anyone has ever seen...sorry. Been watching too much US election coverage.

<https://sayers-in-south-africa.epistle.org/subscribe> - Here is the Subscription Link!

Family News

Since writing last time we mentioned that Nathan would most likely be studying in South Africa when he finishes School this June. But with the potential of The Master's University, he may have a difficult decision to make. It's not a school we ever considered due to cost and distance, but the Engineering program is tops, and he would be honored to study there. Pray for wisdom.

Hudson is doing well in his 'gap-year' job. He's working long and the repetitiveness is getting to him a little, but he's happy for the income and part of a wonderful group of believers at Grace Life Church. He's also done with the -40 stuff. Too cold for that African. 😊

Dani and Josh are coming for a 2 week visit to South Africa in March! Don and Nathan will be back from the US just 4 days before their arrival so all the DIY and odd jobs will have to be finished in that time. We are so excited to spend time with our grandson, and the parental units as well.

Lastly, we are still planning on coming in June for a 6 week furlough. It will be difficult to see all of you but we are planning to return to Canada every 18 months, rather than every 36 months. We have split our supporters into those two 18 month cycles so we will be able to spend quality time with everyone over the 2 furlough splits.

Prayer Points:

- Do Pray for Don and Nate as they travel to the Shepherd's Conference this week, and for Rachel as she stays behind in Cape Town. For her safety and her ministry responsibilities.
- Please do pray for our planned furlough in June. The invites have already started coming in so we pray for time and energy!
- Pray for Dani, Josh and Hendrik as they make their way to South Africa. What a blessed family reunion that will be. Would be perfect if Hudson was able to make it, but maybe next time!
- Thank you for your prayers for Rachel's hand surgery. The right has is done and thumb is feeling great and grip is strong again! Now for the left hand...

For Him - Don, Rachel, Danielle, Hudson and Nathan!

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