

Dear friends,

We hope you are well. Thank-you for your interest in staying up to speed with us and our ministry!

We have 40% of our monthly support committed, and about 21% of our start-up costs have come in to date. From all we've heard from people with missions experience, this is very encouraging progress! Thank-you so much to all of you who have given towards our support and/or been in prayer for it - we praise God for His provision through you!

The Bethel Grace elders (Bethel Grace is our sending church) came to a conclusion that confirms the counsel we have received from several other wise and godly men... They decided it would be hasty for us to leave for South Africa in September – they would like us to stay longer and continue working towards a more stable foundation of support before we move. We see the wisdom in this decision and are resting in God's perfect plan – as eager as we are to be ministering in South Africa as soon as possible, we know God will use this time in our lives greatly. Amongst other things, staying here longer means we have the opportunity to be near Heather's family for another year. Also, it means another year with Crossway Church (our home church here in Lancaster, PA) - the love and care they have shown us is incredible, particularly in light of the fact that we've only been here 10 months! We're thankful for the opportunity to learn more about ministry from them and build relationships with friends here further. Staying longer also means Donovan will be able to study more with CCEF (the Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation) – another rich blessing. Heather will continue teaching a Kindergarten Spanish Immersion class at a school in Lancaster city – an opportunity she has thoroughly enjoyed and learned a lot from this year. All in all – we're disappointed we'll have to wait longer before we can be ministering in South Africa, but we're at peace and very blessed! :)

We'll be traveling a lot this summer – visiting our sending church and other churches that have expressed interest in possibly supporting us down the road. We'll be in Southern California for about 3 weeks (possibly longer) in July and August, and Lord willing, will also visit Northern California and Washington at some point. We'd love to squeeze in time with as many of you as possible if you're in those areas! We'll be in touch about exact dates.

A few prayer requests:

- Please join us in praising God for His provision and guidance, as well as all the care and support He has extended to us through our elders, church families, and other friends. We are very blessed!
- Please pray that we will be able to raise the remaining support we need. We still need about 80% of our start-up costs and commitments to cover about 60% of our monthly support.
- Please be in prayer for *Living Hope Church* and *1Hope Ministries International*, our home church in Pretoria, South Africa, and the associated mercy ministry we'll be working with:
 - Praise God for the venue the church now has to meet in – a central but sufficiently quiet location, with enough space, and affordable rent. This venue was only found after much searching and is a huge answer to prayer!
 - There are over 100 people coming to *Living Hope Church*. Pray that the Holy Spirit would move in the lives of everyone attending - taking the gospel deep, past the superficial kind of Christianity so prevalent in Africa, to a real, robust, and totally life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.
 - Pray for the development of future leaders within the church.
 - Please pray for funding to start the Muphamuzi Home - a home in which abandoned babies will be cared for until they can be adopted.
 - A number of refugees and refugee families that *1Hope* ministers to are awaiting sponsorship.

Once again - thank-you so much for keeping up with us and for all your support! God bless you.

Donovan & Heather Drew

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With the Hollingsworth family:
Hannah, Dan and Lynne, Ryan, and Rachel



Our dear friends from Bethel Grace,
Rod and Kristin (and Jacob!) Gomez,
visited us for a week in April



Tony and Tracy Guyer, good friends of ours
from Crossway church, with the little guy
they're "fostering-to-adopt". He will be eligible
for adoption in December. The Guyers live
around the corner from us (a 3 minute walk!)
– we're excited to walk alongside them in this
season... 😊



This smiley little guy is Muphamuzi ("Muzi")...
His name means, "give me a home". He was
abandoned as a baby, but now is a very happy
member of the Mack family. *1Hope* is currently
raising funds to open "The Muphamuzi Home",
where abandoned babies can be cared for until they
too can be placed in loving, Christ-centered
"forever families" ...