



The Depew Family

CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO SOUTH AFRICA



December 2023 Prayer Letter

Dear praying friends,

I hope this update finds you all doing well. We want to thank all of you for your continual prayers on our behalf, and we are so grateful for your partnership in the gospel. We praise God for each of you, and please know that we would not be able to take the gospel to the nations without your help!

Ministry Update

We have been in South Africa for five months now, and have been busy serving our little church plant since we first arrived. Tiffany has been leading the church's women's Bible study in our home, and she is grateful for the spiritual and relational growth that it has produced. She also has been serving in the children's ministry, and involved in different forms of discipleship throughout the week. I am also leading a few different Bible studies at the moment, and I have been encouraged to see how God has used his Word to increase our love for Him and each other. In addition, I just started preaching a new sermon series in the Book of Jonah, and I'm excited to see how God will use this amazing book in all of our lives. Since our last update, God has been blessing our team's church plant by some new visitors, and also a few professions of faith! We are currently making plans to baptize these individuals and some others soon! On a more somber note, our teammate (Blake) unfortunately lost his mom to a hard fought battle to cancer. Although our family never had the privilege of meeting her, our church has been praying for her for some time now, and we take great comfort in knowing that she is no longer in pain as she is with her savior! Please keep the entire Hunter family in your prayers as they are grieving and trusting God during this incredibly difficult time.

Family Update

Our family is doing well as we continue working hard at adjusting to a new culture and environment. Tiffany is currently homeschooling our two oldest, Lydia and Lucy, and we are encouraged by their growth these last couple of months. We have also been able to put all of the kids in a few different extracurricular activities, and they are all enjoying it very much. This has also been a great opportunity for us to make new friends that we pray will result in more conversations about the gospel! December is always a busy month for our family because of the holidays, and our children's birthdays (Lydia: Dec. 30, Lucy: Dec. 24, and Luka: Dec. 21). Pray for us :) Celebrating our first Christmas in Africa will certainly be unique as it's currently 75 degrees and sunny. This Ohio boy does not know what to think about that!

Prayer Requests:

- The Hunter family
- Discipleship and Evangelistic opportunities
- Continual growth for our church

In Christ,

Tom, Tiffany, Lydia, Lucy, Lola & Luka Depew

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