



The Depew Family

CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO SOUTH AFRICA



January 2026 Prayer Letter

Dear praying friends,

I hope you all had a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year. Our family had a wonderful time celebrating the holidays with our friends and church family here in South Africa. I must admit, this Ohio boy is not used to celebrating Christmas when it's 80 degrees and sunny—but it's starting to grow on me :)

The past few months have been anything but boring. During the last week of December, we celebrated three of our kids' birthdays (Lydia turned 10, Lucy 8, and Luka 4). Our church also offered an evangelism workshop to encourage our people to grow in personal evangelism. In South Africa, December is the time of year when many companies and businesses shut down in preparation for the new year. This can be an interesting season to navigate, but it also provided us with many opportunities for discipleship and fellowship. We also submitted our visa renewal applications in December. We would greatly appreciate your prayers that they would be approved and that we would be granted the maximum three-year renewal.

Our family remains focused on integrating into Mountain View Baptist Church while also working to see the church built up and encouraged before we are sent out to plant a new church in 2026. Speaking of the future church plant, we would like to share a ministry opportunity with you. Several have asked for more details regarding the church-planting process and future property. Mountain View Baptist Church has been praying and faithfully saving, and the Lord continues to bless this effort as He raises up additional leaders within the church to step forward and serve. By God's grace, the church is becoming increasingly healthy—growing in spiritual maturity and faithfulness. All of this greatly encourages us as we see the Lord putting the necessary pieces in place for multiplication and a future church plant. To that end, our teammates—who will be planting with us—have opened an ABWE project account with their mission board, designated specifically for funds raised toward the purchase of property and, Lord willing, the construction of a church building and biblical counseling center. If anyone feels led to give toward this opportunity, contributions may be mailed by check payable to:

ABWE

P.O. Box 8585

Harrisburg, PA 17105-8585

Please include **“Account #0762191”** in the memo line.

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Thank you so much for your prayers, support for our ministry, and your interest in seeing healthy churches planted in South Africa. God bless you all!

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray that our visa renewal applications would be approved and that we would be granted the full three-year renewal, allowing us to continue our ministry in South Africa without interruption.

-Please pray for the Lord's provision as we seek to raise funds for the purchase of land and, Lord willing, the construction of a church building and biblical counseling center for the future church plant.

In Christ,

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

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