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Dear Supporting Friends,

Even though our end of the year Christmas service was very long and not that well attended, (so many people had left to go back to their family homes), we still had a grand time together. Brent preached a message combined with a communion service. **God blessed His Word, and a young adult lady received Christ as her Savior.**



Working with these people has truly been a life changing experience! Although we came here to teach them about our God, they too have taught us many important lessons.

Our home missionary family was blessed this holiday with a special gift. The pastor of a church where they were visiting gave them a car! This was a pastor who had no previous relationship to them. While it needs some work, the engine seems to be in reliable shape.

Another blessing that has to do with this couple is that our insurance has finally paid us out for storm damages on the church property. We will use Pastor Zulu to do the repair work. This will allow us to use a good portion of the settlement to help him with his own building at the new church being planted at uYaya.

As we normally do in this service, we distributed numbers to everyone, and if a person's number was called, they could come up and choose a Christmas gift. Some were gag gifts and some were nice gifts. Everyone chosen had to open their gift in front of all of us! It was a lot of fun!

The Sunday following, we had another long but amazing New Year's Eve service. Everyone was asked, by our national leader, to share 3 blessings that God had given them in 2017. African Christians are quite different from their family in America. *You don't have to "prime the pump" to get people to give testimonies here.*

Two hours later, they still were going strong! We then spent another hour in corporate, united prayer, thanking the Lord for these blessings. Prayer time likely would have continued on for much longer, but there was still preaching to be done!

We have purchased our tickets to return to the States for our daughter's graduation. **We depart South Africa on April 18 and return to South Africa on August 22.** Obviously, if our schedule permits, we would be very happy to come by to visit or report on the ministry. If you are interested, just send us an email at brenta.moeller@gmail.com.

May you grow in grace and knowledge of the Savior in 2018. May His tender mercies follow you throughout this year. May He enlarge your influence and effectiveness for Him. May He use you to rescue those in danger and encourage those who are down. May He bless you for being such a blessing to us!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Preparation for Furlough:

Obviously there are so many things that have to be put in order for us to be at peace about leaving our home, animals and ministry for four months.

There is no need to weigh you down with the details. We just ask you to pray that God's plan will come together as it has with past furloughs.

Ministry:

Mayville Church - Please continue praying that we can find a suitable building to rent / purchase for use as our meeting place and ministry center. We wrote you recently of the great frustration we experience when we cannot rent the community hall.

Amaotana Church - We have hit a plateau in this ministry as far as attendance. Please pray that all of us will be stirred with a new desire for outreach.

uYaya Church Plant - The Zulu family, (see letter above) is getting close to moving in to their house. They are using a couple of pop up tents for church. We would like to eventually erect a steel structure that the people can step by step build cement block walls around, as they can afford it.

A step toward that goal would be to build a wooden pole barn structure on the property.

Groutville Church Plant - We would love to be able to purchase a piece of land for this new church plant. The area is developing rapidly and it is going to become increasingly difficult to find affordable property.

Future Inanda Church Plant - Due to the fact that we are going to be leaving in April for a furlough we are in a quandry about starting services on the land we own in Inanda. We need to finish erecting a fence around the property as well as do some additional land clearing.

The Shabalala family, who live in the area, seem eager to begin but they also are about to add twins to their family of five. They also will be needed to help in the ministry at Amaotana, while we are away. We just don't want to burden down this family with the weight of a new ministry.

We recently sold our mini van to this family for less than a third of its value. We wanted to help them acquire a vehicle large enough for 7 people! This has left us with only one vehicle for the foreseeable future.

Affiliated Ministries: Please pray that this year will be a very positive one in the three churches that we are associated with in Ladysmith and Newcastle. There are some serious leadership concerns in these churches and all three needs a new burden to do outreach in their communities.

Indawo YeThemba Children's Village – Please pray for Bob and Jo Anna Graham and the caregivers of the 36 children who live at the village. There are a number of the kids who are moving into adolescence. The homes have unrelated boys and girls living together. That was fine when they were younger but obviously that arrangement could become a problem as they get older!

The Mayville Church is going to begin holding a separate youth meeting during some of the Sunday services to help the youth find Scriptural and spiritual help during this challenging season of their lives.

Family - Thanks for your prayers for all three of our kids in their schooling pursuits. Pray for Micah to find a good job that will not be so demanding to make him have to discontinue his master's degree.

Pray for Karissa to find a good ministry where she can begin to gain experience for a counseling career, after graduation.

Pray for Landry to be able to complete 10th grade by April.