



Thank You

Reflecting on this year has brought us to realize our many answered prayers. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for all of you who are keeping us in prayer. The Lord has been good to us and we pray that you all will feel the same way as you reflect on how He has blessed families this year.

Moving and changing the lives of our family for a year can be very stressful. Our stress has been limited by many people who loved on us this year. We have been blessed with a great house to live in. People helped meet our needs by giving us clothes, bikes to ride, and furniture.



Our children have adjusted to life in the U.S. well. They



have made many new friends. Luke and Joe are clever kids who have been successful in homeschooling. Josh has been learning to read and Abbie has enjoyed the company of girls her age at school. We've all enjoyed bike rides through town and on the bike trail and going to all the great parks in Alexandria.



We have enjoyed fellowship with many friends and supporters. Many people have listened to our African stories and drank Rooibos tea with us. Thank you to so many of you who have had us over for dinner and for the many who came to our Family Fun Night at Alexandria Covenant Church. We were blessed to hear you all sing in "Zulu" with us.

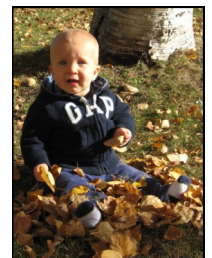


Paul has received help from PraiseFM regarding the future radio ministry in Johannesburg. We thank God that the very piece of recording equipment that we need for the ministry was sitting on a shelf at PraiseFM "waiting" for Paul. Thank you PraiseFM!



We have been blessed with many new relationships and times to share what God is doing in South Africa at churches, people's homes, men's groups, youth camps, Vacation Bible Schools, youth group meetings, mission team meetings, and university mission conferences.

Praise God for Timothy Jabulani. He is our new addition to the family born on February 24th, 2011. His middle name means "rejoice." He brings much joy and love to each member of the family.



*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18(ESV)*





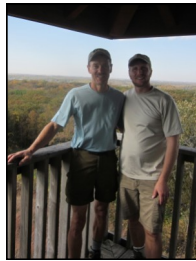
Counting Our Blessings

Family Vacations and Celebrations

We had a great time with our family this year. We took a long road trip to Florida to go to Disney World with Paul's parents and his sister's family. We even saw more family on the way there and back. We had the time of our lives!



Two wonderful camping trips gave us more memories to share about beautiful Minnesota. Short hiking trips were also a blast.



A Fourth of July family reunion brought many of our loved ones together. We started the grill, ate potato salad, and pie. It was a nice time to connect and see how every-one's family is growing.



How wonderful it was to be able to attend birthday parties and other celebrations. We could visit with our friends over dinner and enjoy each other's company.



The color of the leaves was a joy to see again. We watched the leaves falling like rain and then raked them up and jumped in the pile. Fun times!

Seasons in Minnesota

We began our year in Minnesota in the midst of one of the snowiest winters recorded. We were so excited to see and play in the snow again. Abbie and Josh had a great time learning about snow. All the kids really enjoyed skiing at Andes Tower Hills. Luke and Joe especially will have great memories of skiing.



Springtime was a fun time for us to listen to the robins and watch the squirrels play. We hadn't experienced this in three years, going from the quiet of Winter to the music of Spring.



Plenty of fishing, boating, and tubing were enjoyed by all of us on the lakes in Alexandria and at Nana and Grandpa's house in Fergus Falls. We had a great summer and the kids now have their own "fish stories".

Please pray with us that God will provide our remaining 10% of needed monthly support before we leave on December 29.

