



Seelhammer's Prayer Letter from South Africa

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Family Update

Our family has been doing well with Luke and Joe three weeks into the third term at Umhlali Preparatory School and Paul and Carrie have just started the second semester of Zulu studies at the university. Josh and Abby are enjoying their time at their school too. All of the kids are growing quickly and developing well. Joe has recovered well from his tonsillectomy in July. Carrie's knee is back to normal again. Praise God for his loving, healing touch!

It is now Winter here in South Africa. We wear sweaters in the morning and short-sleeve shirts in the afternoon. We just celebrated Paul's birthday and Abby will be two on the 21st of August. We took a short two day trip to Hluhluwe/Imfolozi Game Reserve. It was a much needed time to get away as a family. We saw many animals including Lion, Zebra, Giraffe, Wildebeest, Elephant, Warthog, Nyala, Bushbuck, Steenbuck, Reedbuck, Hippopotamus, and Buffalo. Many of them were within 20 feet of the vehicle. God is so creative. Many of these animals have beautiful patterns and uniquely shaped horns which we have never seen before.

Ministry Update

Paul and Luke had the opportunity to attend a revival weekend event with Pastor Mpongose's church. We worshipped, and fellowshiped with many amaZioni people. We slept in an amaZioni home on a cold night with four blankets. Yes it does get cold in South Africa! Paul has also experienced numerous all-night worship services and home visits. Carrie and Paul continue their work as Zulu language learners through a formal Zulu course at the university in Durban, and through many personal contacts with Zulu people. We continue to be motivated to learn Zulu so we can interact more and so we can have an effective ministry in the future.

We are enjoying a two week visit by a team from New Orleans. They support Mark and Barbara Hugo and are working with us here at Sunbury. It is so encouraging to see their excitement about the work God is doing here through ZEMA. "Y'all" might want to come on a mission trip too.



Prayer Requests

- Pray for Paul and Carrie to balance the personal, family and ministry daily duties and needs
- Pray for our more opportunities to experience amaZioni culture and life, while learning and understanding more Zulu
- Pray for more time with Pastor Mbonambi to learn about the amaZioni traditions, beliefs and practices
- Pray for improved health from colds and coughs for our family
- Pray for meaningful relationships for us all so we become more and more connected to the local culture
- Pray that our memories of "home" in the USA will not hinder our desire to acclimate to our new culture
- Pray that our children's desire for Jesus will continue to grow, and they will see God working in their lives so they know he is a reality
- Pray that God will bless our new friendships
- Pray for each of the missionaries at Sunbury: the Seghers, Hugo, and Seelhammer families and Dayl Fox
- Pray the truth of the Gospel breaks through the lies of ancestral worship and other unbiblical practices in the amaZioni churches

We have been sensing increased spiritual warfare lately. Sickness has forced us to miss planned meetings, and we have had to postpone learning times with our language helpers. As Paul says to each of us in Philippians 4:13, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength." We thank the LORD for each one of you!

In Jesus Christ,
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