

*"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."*

*11 Timothy 2:2*

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*Teaching the Faithful to Teach Others*



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Dear Friends in Christ,

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*"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?" 2 Peter 1:3-4*

The past few months have been eventful for us personally as we have reached a couple of special milestones in our lives. In April, I turned 60. (I can say, for a few months, that I am now in my 60's while Tina is only in her 50's.) Then in May, we celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Time truly does fly when you are having fun! The Lord allowed us a special treat of spending our anniversary at the southernmost tip of Africa, which is also where the Indian and Atlantic Oceans meet. It was a blessing to see God's beautiful creation in these two powerful oceans as they clapped their waves together.

Thank you very much for praying for my post-op recovery. After 7 weeks of barely being able to speak, it was a joy when my voice returned to normal at the end of April, which meant I was able to resume various ministries. Since then, there have also been a couple of other ministries added. One of those is Children's Church. You may recall that Tina and I previously served together in this ministry, but she did most of the teaching time. However, a few months ago, she moved to the preschool Sunday School class, so I am now teaching the Children's Church class. I also have asked a different teen boy to help each week, which gives him an opportunity to serve in the church.

Another new ministry for me will begin the middle of June as I co-teach the men's Sunday School class. There are just a handful of men who come each week to class, but for me, it will be a welcomed blessing to teach them face-to-face, as compared to the Bible Institute which is taught over Zoom. Usually, the students on Zoom will turn off their cameras, which makes one wonder if anyone is even there. 😊 I appreciate your continued prayers for the Bible Institute Zoom classes. We have a group of about 12 men and women who are enrolled in the class, but due to family/work obligations and loadshedding (which has picked up significantly since the beginning of the year) it seems only about six or seven are able to join the weekly class.

After a few months' break from the last class in the Technical School, I am preparing for the next course, which is tentatively set to begin in July. This one will be Electricity/Electronics. Like the carpentry class previously, I am compiling different resources to develop my own curriculum. As I do this, I must take several things into consideration especially since South Africa uses 220 volts rather than the 110 volts used in America. Unfortunately, the Technical School still lacks a venue; however, Pastor Sizwe has offered his garage if we are unable to find another place. The classes will be held on Wednesday morning from 8:00 am to noon. Please pray for the following requests regarding the school: for me as I prepare the curriculum, for a venue, and for the Lord to give the exact students He would have in the course.

Over the past few months, Tina has needed to be very flexible with her schedule. Along with taking care of her household responsibilities, helping Ron with various projects and teaching preschool Sunday School, she has been discipling two girls from the church. Azura still comes on Tuesdays for Bible study, and since her school is nearby, Tina has been asked to pick her up a few extra times due to her family having car problems. The second girl, Imi, needed some extra help in Math as she prepared for exams and Tina was also asked to have Bible study with her at the same time.

You may recall the request we shared in the past for a church building. Would you please continue to pray for that need. Presently, the church rents a community hall on a month-to-month basis, but sadly, the management chooses to give priority to other groups despite the church's efforts to reserve it weekly. As you can imagine, this arrangement makes it difficult to meet consistently at one location. We are thankful to have the option to move services to one of our team's houses when the hall is unavailable, but it makes it a challenge for visitors to come, or for those who haven't been to church for a while to know where we will be meeting. Recently, the church leadership began looking into the possibility of renting a building. There are pros and cons to that option. On the one hand, the price of rent would increase ten times from what the church is currently paying, but on the other hand, the building would be available for use whenever needed, even for the technical school on Wednesdays. Obviously, the desire is to buy a building, but so far everything within the size range is far outside the church's price range. Please pray the Lord will give clear direction for what He wants the church to have and where.

It is hard to believe that our three-year visa will expire in February. With less than 8 months left before we return to the States, furlough preparations have occupied much of my time. Most of our churches have scheduled meetings already, but even though that aspect is almost complete there is still plenty left to do before our departure. If you have not heard from me about a meeting at your church, please know that I have tried. It may be that we have the wrong email address or that my letter is being sent to your spam folder. Please contact me at [hisinsouthafrica@gmail.com](mailto:hisinsouthafrica@gmail.com) as soon as you can so we can schedule a meeting.

As we write this prayer letter, our team is preparing for a very special outreach that will take place this week, June 16-18. A youth group from Falls Baptist Church is coming for a mission trip from June 12<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> to conduct a Holiday Children's Program (HCP) in two different areas. Please pray with us for several requests: for the Lord to save souls and change lives in the communities reached, that He would greatly impact the lives of those on the mission team as they have sacrificed much to be here, and for the Lord to provide good weather. Presently, we are in winter, so the temps are somewhat chilly, but the forecast is also calling for rain all week.

In closing, we share a very special answer to prayer. We rejoice and praise the Lord for the birth of our first granddaughter, Ashley Louise. Her parents and big brother excitedly welcomed her into their family on May 22.

Thank you again for your faithful prayers and support for us and for the ministry here in South Africa. We are encouraged and blessed by you and continue to be awe of all the Lord is doing.



*Serving the Saviour,*

*Ron & Tina Fruin*

### Prayers

- Technical School
- Church building
- Furlough scheduling

### Praises

- Ron's Recovery
- New opportunities
- Ashley Louise Fruin