

"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."

// Timothy 2:2

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Teaching the Faithful to Teach Others



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Dear Friends in Christ,

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds" (Hebrews 12:1-3).

We truly are thankful for your prayers as we press forward with our furlough schedule and travels. We recently passed the halfway point of our time here in the States. This past quarter was very busy, and we praise the Lord that neither health issues nor car problems hindered us from attending any of our meetings! We have now reached the point in our itinerary where most of our Wednesday night meetings are over; however, all our Sundays are booked or busy until we return to South Africa in February. That being said, it appears that October will be our busiest month yet as we spend 17 days out of 31 involved in conferences or ministering at churches. It has been a joy and a blessing to reconnect with brothers and sisters in Christ who have for many years been supporting us and the ministry God has given.

Thank you for your continued prayers for my health. Evidently, over the past few months, I have experienced what is classified as "long Covid" and am just now getting over many of those symptoms. I also recently started having problems with my right knee, so I am scheduled to begin physical therapy on September 10th at the VA hospital. An x-ray determined that I have minor arthritis, but the pain is pretty intense at times, so I believe I also have something else going on, possibly a problem with the meniscus (which can't be determined by an x-ray). As for the long-awaited-for appointment to determine what the next step would be concerning the restless leg syndrome (RLS) situation, we were somewhat disappointed at what transpired. The doctor prescribed a new medication and even suggested the possibility of obtaining a special new device that has shown promising results for RLS. However, a few weeks later, when I explained to her that the new medication wasn't helping at all, she made the decision to stop that medication and reevaluate me, which is basically starting at ground zero again. I was told to set up a new appointment, which unfortunately will not take place until the end of November. As we wait on the Lord for His perfect timing and plan, we are constantly being reminded that our expectations must rest in Him and not in doctors or medical professionals.

Please continue to pray for the ministry in South Africa. The church continues to deal with red tape issues concerning the new building. The plans for the renovations of the building have had to be redone because of requirements by the city council. Also, since the building is located in an industrial center, there are limited parking spaces around the church that are designated just for the church. Therefore, the church leaders need to approach neighboring building owners to get signatures giving approval for the

use of their parking spots, as well as approval for the church to meet in that building. Part of that approval is conditional on the fact that the church will not meet during “business hours” when neighboring shops are operational, which doesn’t seem to be an issue since church services are usually either in the evening or on weekends. It sounds kind of backward, doesn’t it? But that is the way it works there, I guess. After obtaining that approval, there is a 30-day window where people are allowed to contest the church being there. Please pray that everything will go through without any problems. The church bought the building months before we left, and they are still waiting to hold their first service there.

In closing, we want to thank you again for your prayers, support, and encouragement. We praise the Lord for you and count it a privilege to have such dear brothers and sisters as you to partner with. May we all be faithful to keep our eyes on Christ so we might run the race that has been set before us in a way that would bring honor and glory to Him.

Serving the Saviour,

Ron & Tina Fruin

Prayers

- Furlough travels & meetings
- Ron’s health
- Church building in South Africa
- Rebekah in Ukraine

Praises

- Great furlough meetings
- Safety as we have traveled
- Vehicle running smoothly
- Time with family