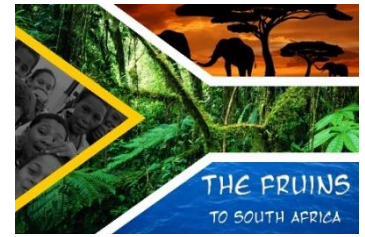


"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

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Dear Friends in Christ,

"But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour" (Titus 3:4-6).

Submitting the true Christmas meaning and New Year's goal

Christmas and the New Year are two very important events each year. Christmas is the time that we celebrate the birth of Christ, our Saviour, who, in coming to this earth, gave His life as a sacrificial atonement for our sins. Our prayer is that each of you has personally trusted Christ to forgive your sins. Knowing that there was a day in your life when you realized your sinful state and hopelessness of obtaining eternal salvation apart from Jesus, you placed your faith totally in Him to receive His perfect righteousness as your own. Then, New Year's, for a Christian, is a perfect time to reflect over the past year and evaluate how we have grown spiritually. Our desire and goal should be to strive to become more like Jesus each day through the sanctification process in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Securing upcoming travel plans

Our furlough travels have gone very well through 2024, and as we begin 2025, our sights will be set on Pennsylvania, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama. You may remember that back in April, soon after coming back to the States from South Africa, it was necessary to address some medical issues, which led to postponing meetings to seven churches in these states. Therefore, the month of January will be spent traveling east and south, but we look forward to being with the dear folks in those churches to thank them personally for their prayers and support. In preparation for the many miles on this trip, and also considering the season of the year, the Lord led us to rent a more reliable vehicle for the journey. Thank you very much for praying for the van that we are currently using. Even though the van is old and exhibiting signs of wearing out quickly, God has answered prayer and been very gracious to keep it going for many miles.

Setting a new target date

During our travels, many people have asked when we plan to return to South Africa. Our original thought was to be in America for a year, thus placing our return date about the middle of February. We recently hired an immigration lawyer to help secure our three-year visa for South Africa and have begun sifting through the necessary requirements. In that process, we started looking ahead to get an appointment at the embassy in Washington, DC and found out that the earliest opening is at the end of March. Since the processing time after that appointment is anywhere from three to four weeks, we realized that our timetable would be pushed back a few months. The last time we applied for a visa was shortly after COVID, so things worked differently then. This time, the paperwork is more intense, the costs are higher, and the wait time is longer. We say all that to let you know that as of now, we plan to return to South Africa at the end of April.

Sharing a health update

We cannot adequately express our appreciation for your faithful prayers for my health. Your care, concern, and compassion have meant a lot to us. For a very long time, I have struggled to try to lose weight unsuccessfully, but about two months ago, I began a somewhat intense diet regimen, and I praise the Lord for the encouraging results He has given through that. Unfortunately, there has not really been a breakthrough with the restless leg situation or with the sleepless nights, but we continue to seek different options and remain hopeful. Through it all, the Lord is drawing us closer to Himself and teaching us over and over that He is in control.

Seeking restoration for Vuyani

Some of you may remember a man named Vuyani, whom we have mentioned from time to time in previous prayer letters. Vuyani is a black African who was preparing to become a witch doctor before he trusted Christ as his Saviour. He attended the main church in Northpine (the mother church there) and also the services in Gugulethu (the church plant). He worked from home as technical support for an insurance company and would have rotating shifts, which caused him to miss church service every other week. He started attending my carpentry classes at the end of the course and became very interested in that trade. A few months later, he became very frustrated with his work situation and spontaneously quit his job. He desired to go full-time into carpentry, and as a result, he purchased some expensive tools and started making several wood crafts. Unfortunately, it didn't work out for him, and he was unable to launch a business. He was already struggling financially, so that decision only made things worse for him and his family. After many months, he was able to get another job, but it ended up that the pay was less even though the hours were the same as his prior job. Since then, he has become very bitter and started blaming God for his situation. Tina communicates with his wife from time to time, so we know she is trying to be faithful to attend church, but Vuyani often makes it very difficult by taking the car. I have tried to keep communication open with Vuyani, but he doesn't seem to want to reciprocate. He is cordial but doesn't open up. Recently, we found out that he has been spending a lot of time with an old friend who is a practicing witch doctor. Please pray that Vuyani will repent and return to the Lord. Please also pray for his family to be able to attend church so they might be encouraged and grow spiritually.

Savoring family

Even though our furlough travels keep us busy, we have truly enjoyed spending time with family as the Lord allows. It has been a joy to be around our grandchildren, Obadiah (3 ½) and Ashley (1 ½), to bond with them this year and see them grow and mature. We praise the Lord for these precious memories. Our children are all doing well and we thank you for your prayers on their behalf. Rebekah continues to minister in Ukraine, and the Lord is faithful in giving her opportunities in different villages. Along with most of the country, she has experienced many blackouts, which in turn affect the heat and water in her building. While those are definitely inconveniences, especially in winter, there is no other place she would rather be than in the center of God's will. Leah continues to serve sacrificially in the position God has placed her at church. We have learned better how to pray for her, as we have seen first-hand how she often gives 12-hour plus days, 7 days a week, without complaint. Jonathon is also very busy with family, a full-time job, and classes pursuing a nursing degree. In addition, he and Johanna remain active and faithful at church. Johanna recently used her skill in applying make-up for some of the cast of the Christmas play while Jonathon provided security during many events. We are looking forward to spending Christmas with family and possibly even spending some time with Rebekah in a few months.

Sending Christmas greetings and New Year's blessings

In closing, we want to thank you again for your support, both financially and in prayer. God has truly gifted us with wonderful co-laborers in His service. We also want to wish you a blessed Christmas and New Year. May the Lord give you peace and joy as only He can, and may He find each of us faithfully serving until He returns.

Serving the Saviour,

Ron & Tina Fruin

Prayers

- Vuyani
- Ron's health
- Upcoming traveling
- Rebekah in Ukraine
- Visa application

Praises

- The birth of Christ
- Time with family
- Safety as we have traveled
- Vehicle running smoothly
- Good meetings