

# SEEDS OF HOPE



Place of Hope  Africa



## A TIME FOR REGENERATING

*"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up on wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Teach me Lord to wait."*

Waiting on the Lord is some of the hardest and most renewable times. There are a number of situations that we have been waiting on the Lord for, and we have realized that the Lord really is in control, and no matter how anxious we get, He will take care of it all in His time. The property is still available for POHA, and we are just leaving it in the Lord's hands. The POHA board has decided that a great ministry can happen up there, but it is probably best for a number of reasons that we do not actually live there. We will be sharing more on this when we are in the states in a few months.

The last of the paperwork we have been waiting on for our permanent residency has been passed on to our lawyer. We believe that the Lord can and will make a way for this to happen before we head to the states. The next step is in front of us with one more to go.

It is looking like the end of August is when we will head out of South Africa for the trek across the ocean. Marv should be contacting those of you where we give presentations to set up dates. October – mid November for those out of the MN area. We are looking forward to seeing you all again and sharing the past 3 years and where it looks like the future is heading.

## PRAISE & PRAYER

\* The Lord is forever faithful!

\* Marv has healed from his fall

\* Thankful that the drama with our van is over

\* Sthembiso in a Christian school

\* The Lord's gift of exemption for permanent residency by August

\* For the girls to settle back into their previous life

\* Another couple to come along side us

\* Guidance where the Lord will place us upon our return to SA

- Sthembiso will be with us going to the states – he has been praying for this

Marv's brother Harold passed away in March, so another journey to the states was made for the memorial service. In a year's time, all 3 of his siblings have gone to be with the Lord.

Our van saga continues...just when it seems all is well...something else happens. This has been the perfect vehicle for us and our ministry and we know that it will not last forever so be praying with us for the next transportation we will need. Literally while this is being written, our van has once again quit. It was taken to the guy who has been trying figure out some issues left by the original mechanic. So, we have a hole in the piston due to the previous mechanic who farmed out some of the repair to someone else – who installed the camshaft wrong!! It does get frustrating to pay for repairs and then pay to have the repairs repaired. We have been told it is about finished.

Sthembiso loves school most days. He is now doing ACE which meets his needs much better than the previous curriculum that was being used.

We took a holiday this year and went to the beach, the children loved it and had been begging to go. The day before we were to head home they were ready to go, that sure surprised us.

A place has been found to move Bonggi to until the end of the year. At that time the Gogo will be able to retire, get her pension, and raise both the girls. Bonggi is very excited to be going back, Enhle not so much. Enhle has turned 3 and we celebrated Bonggi's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday before she left as it is the end of June. This is what we strive for if at all possible, to put families back together. Our prayer is that the girl's mother will give up her wandering ways and also be there to help raise them.

We celebrated our 40year anniversary. It was spent with the children at a favorite restaurant of all – the food for Marv and the play area for the little ones.

For Marie's birthday and Father's Day we went to our favorite relaxing safari park only an hour away. It is a place where we can all chill, look at the crocs & snakes, and a short safari drive.

Both the countries we are tied to are in need of the Lord.

One of our great needs when we land in the states is a vehicle. If you have one that will be available, please let us know. Thank You.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all you who uphold us in prayer, the most important resource we have. Your continued financial support keeps our ministry going and we appreciate all who continue to bless our children.

In His Service,

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Phezulu Safari Park



Six days old