



THE BRANCH FAMILY

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*Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?
Then said I, Here am I; send me. - Isaiah 6:8*

BRANCH FAMILY UPDATE

JULY/AUGUST, 2018

Greetings to all of you our dear friends and supporters! Every time we sit down to write our updates, we marvel at all that can take place in such a short time! We have a lot to tell you about, so let's get to it...

PERSONAL

We arrived back in the U.S. on Tuesday, August 7th a little weary, but happy to be reunited with family and friends. Our first few weeks have been super-busy with family visits, preaching, obtaining a vehicle, and settling in. We even had time for a much-needed week of vacation with all our kids and their families before hitting the road for meetings. Also just last week, we were able to get in on the celebration for our granddaughter's 1st birthday. What a joy to be here in time for such an occasion! We are truly blessed with a great family that we love so very much!

Thank you for praying for our visa situation. On Monday, September 10th, I will be flying back to South Africa to pick up our visa applications. We were notified about a week ago that they were ready to be collected at the office in Kimberley. We will not know the results of our request until I walk in the office and open the sealed envelopes. PLEASE pray that God's will be done in granting us the extension we were seeking! I will only be there for one day and then make a quick return to continue our meetings schedule.

MINISTRY

We've already been able to visit a few supporting churches in Virginia and Tennessee. It's good to be able to share with God's people all that He is doing in South Africa. Each and every supporting church, pastor, and individual is so vital to the work and ministry that God has given us. To simply say "thank you" seems so inadequate to truly express the gratitude we feel. We have a VERY full schedule of meetings over the remaining four months and we're excited to see old friends and meet some new ones too. Over the next couple of months we will be in the states of NC, SC, VA, WV, VT, NH, ME, DE, AR, and MI giving updates and presenting the ministry! WHEW!!

The church in Kimberley, South Africa is doing very well in our absence. The young preachers that we left in charge are doing some very good preaching and presenting great Bible truths each service. The people are picking up in our place and working together to keep the ministry going strong. They conducted the monthly children's outreach together earlier this month and ten of them went out doing street evangelism last Saturday. We thank God for a strong group of believers that are not just "surviving" our absence, but seem to be "thriving" and growing stronger in their walk with God. We're thankful to have the technology available to keep in contact with them and to encourage them along the way. We miss them so very much and we look forward to seeing them again and serving the Lord together with them when we return.

PRAYER

PRAY for my trip back to SA in September to retrieve our visa application results and for them to be approved to give us the desired three-year extension.

PRAY for us as we travel the highways to visit churches.

PRAY for two particular fundraising needs: a shipment of Bibles and the ministry vehicle need:

- We need to raise \$13,500 towards a ministry vehicle we will need to purchase upon return.
- We are also needing to raise \$3500 for a shipment of Bibles to be sent to South Africa.

Thank you again for your faithful prayers and support. We look forward to seeing many of you soon! If any churches or individuals that we are not able to visit would like to see our update video, please email me for the link to the private youtube page.



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Rylee's 1st Birthday!

In Christ's Service,
The Branch Family