



The SCOTT CRABTREE Family

Missionaries to the Deaf

“There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.” Psalm 19:3

Words cannot express how thankful I am for everyone who came to the throne of grace to pray for my daughter, Brooklynn, and I as we faced Covid in South Africa. Christianity is such an amazing thing as to be able to have brothers and sisters in Christ all over the world who are there during our time of need. I cannot even begin to sing the praises of missionaries to the Deaf, Chris and Lucinda Radebaugh. They have faithfully served for years in South Africa and opened their home and hearts to us. Little did they know how much they would have to play nurse, doctor, and everything else to help us in recovery and my time in the ICU. Bro. Chris went to bat for me at the embassy and with the hospital. He kept me from being transferred to the government hospital which would have delayed my stay for another 4-6 weeks! He didn't have to do this, but proved the value of being a good friend while at the same time, his own brother was suffering with health needs and eventually went home to be with the Lord. At the same time, they received bad news regarding their grandson, Seth's, heart health realizing their daughter's family would have to possibly move to America due to this discovery. And they did all this with a smile on their face and a willing heart to help. Pray for your missionaries in foreign lands who face these challenges and do it without complaint. I was certainly humbled by their friendship.

My strength has not completely returned yet. My wife will be unable to do her article this time because she is currently in the hospital recovering from covid--she has been extremely sick for almost 3 weeks and we pray she gets out today. She is actually typing this up for me in the hospital! I have been trying to get the house ready for her return and I have discovered that I am not as strong as I once was! She just hopes the laundry is all done by the time she gets home!

The electronic version of our prayer letter has more detailed info regarding the happenings at our church as well as some great pictures from our first Old Fashioned Sunday. Unfortunately, due to our illness and higher incidences of Covid in the area, we had to cancel our big Christmas party and weekend with a special Deaf speaker. God is still good and is still on the throne—we look forward to making up these events soon.

PRAISE!!! We need \$150,000 to reach our first year goal to pay off our church mortgage in 5 years. After a couple of generous givers and a grant, we now only need \$24,000 to reach our first year goal!!! If you can help us in any way to accomplish this goal, we would certainly be grateful. Have a blessed Christmas.



Missionaries Chris and Lucinda Radebaugh with their grandson, Seth



At recent 50th anniversary missions conference with Sauk Trail Baptist Church in Richton Park, IL

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