



But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience. Luke 8:15

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Greetings from the USA,

We arrived here for a short furlough on March 14 and just missed the birth of our first granddaughter Amelia Josephine Beck on March 12. We were late due to a cancelled flight, but Amelia was right on time. Praise the Lord Mommy Amy, Daddy Kevin and Baby Amelia are all doing well.

Laura is spending some needed time with her elderly parents. Please pray for Bill and Phyllis, as this is a difficult time for them.

Before we departed from South Africa, we were able to catch up on some baptisms at each of the churches – baptizing two at White River Baptist Church, seven at Calvary Baptist Church and 11 at Legogote Baptist Church. We have been blessed with a beautiful harvest from 2020.

In our absence, Srey Yan Yon is continuing her guitar lessons, discipleship, and Sunday School ministry with the help of Izak Pretorius.

Answer Mathebela has the care of the two village churches in my absence and he is effectively feeding those folks in the churches. He is teaching a soul-winning class at Calvary Baptist Church in the hopes that we will be able to be more effective in our outreach ministries. He is also a guest speaker at the White River Baptist Church. We are continuing his training online while we are here. Please pray for this young man of God.

We are thankful that our missionaries Mike and Mandy Neilson have come to White River and are looking after the churches for a few weeks. Brother Mike has not visited our area for a few years now and it's a blessing for him to see firsthand what the Lord has been doing lately. Brother Neilson has trained many of our folks in KYB and evangelism. Our newer members are quickly growing to know and love our missionaries.

Laura and I soon begin some long distance traveling to report to some of our distant supporting churches and friends. We would appreciate your prayers for us. It is our desire that those of you that have been so faithful to see us to this point of ministry, would re-engage in specific prayer for these next steps of spiritual and physical growth of each of the churches. The Lord has taught us continually that His grace is sufficient for every trial.

Always remembering that we are your servants for Jesus' sake serving the Lord in South Africa,

Richard and Laura Badgett