

The Sayers' in South Africa

Pastors Library!

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We are praising God for the opportunity to provide **10** underprivileged Shepherds with over 400 Books for their Pastoral Library!

The idea to provide Logos Software and laptops comes after speaking with the lack of safe and secure space for Pastors to have a study library either at home, or their churches in the informal and poor areas of Cape Town.



Western pastors today take digital libraries for granted and have enjoyed the time savings advantage of the digital platform for years. The cost of laptops and Logos is also a fraction of the cost of the actual books and in turn provides pastors unparalleled ease in searchability between commentaries, biblical history and the original languages thus saving time, improving the depth of study, while freeing the pastor to meditate more on his message and shepherding the flock.



This is why I proposed to our mission, Emmanuel International to consider funding a laptop/Logos library system for pastors that have demonstrated a faithfulness in preaching and who would benefit greatly with a portable and time saving Pastoral library, compared to hard copies that are not practical in the context of informal settlement pastoring. We praise God that are mission sponsored 10 Logos laptops and we hope to continue this ministry project in the next year.

Safe House Update:

We praise God for His mercy and grace in Florida's recent health scare. She suddenly felt very numb on her left side and was taken to hospital that afternoon. She was diagnosed with a blood clot in her lung which is very life threatening if not treated quickly and properly.

Florida spend nearly a month in hospital but we are very thankful to God to say that she is back at Safe House number 3 and feeling nearly 100%. For 3 weeks we paid for a full-time assistant so Florida would not have to deal with the physical challenges of parenting an infant and 3 young children, but she was home so that she could be near the children and continue to disciple and lead them.

Florida is not completely out of the woods yet and continues with blood thinning treatment with a strict diet but has no further symptoms and is back to her normal routine. Praise God.

During the heavy rain storms this year we experienced damage to our 3rd Safe House. The rain came through the roof and damaged the ceiling in 2 of the bedrooms as well as the bathroom. We have fixed the roof to prevent further damage but don't have the funds to repair the cosmetic damage to the ceiling and walls. It is impossible to insure homes in the informal settlement due to the infrasture challenges and unregulated building all around the Safe Houses, therefore we must pay out of pocket. The estimate is approximately \$2,400.



Living Hope Bible Church:

Another huge praise item is the news that Denver, Gaenor and their twin boys have returned to Living Hope Bible Church after being sponsored for 3 years at Masters Seminary! They've been home for about a month now and it's been such a blessed reunion for our congregation to have them back. We will certainly miss Dave and Luci Fall, and their wonderful 2 children, but we trust we will see them again as they come back to SA as full-time missionaries in the next year.

Don has been offered a break from his Sunday morning discipleship training as Denver was very keen to get into the pulpit again and relieve Don after many years in the teaching capacity. Don will begin again after a couple months of recharging. :)

Do check out our new church website>>> www.livinghopebiblechurchsa.com/leadership and see the pictures of the leadership team and soon to be uploaded congregational pics.



Denver (with hat) and fam Returns to Cape Town

Family Update:

A highlight in the last couple months has been our anniversary celebration in July. 24 years!! God has been so good in giving me such a longsuffering and Godly wife. We had a fantastic breakfast in the Alphen hotel where Captain Cook used to dine a few years prior to our visit. :)

Hudson has also just celebrated his 14th birthday and Danielle turned 17!! That just cannot be...

We've had a couple of break-ins the past week which has reminded us of the fleeting nature of temporal goods, as well praising God that we were not harmed. Fortunately, they did not enter the house and broke into the cars and then the garage 3 nights later. The boys bikes were taken and some of my tools.



Exploring abandoned Armored Cars for Hudson's birthday. Ya, odd...

Support:

Our personal and ministry support are items for prayer as well. God has blessed us with very faithful supporters. Many have been with us from the beginning all those 15 years ago when we set off for South Africa and we praise the Lord for your faithfulness.

We are seeking additional supporters to help us with the shortfall. Currently we are about 85% for our personal support and 70% for the Safe House ministry. There are a few churches that have had to reduce their missions' budget due to church budgets shrinking in general, and we understand this challenge.

Prayer Points:

- Please continue to pray for Florida's health, her recovery and her calling in raising and discipling the children in her care at the Safe House.
- Pray for continued safety for our family and for the Safe House families. Crime increases every year but this year our area of town is experiencing a dramatic increase in break-ins, murders and muggings. Our safety in God's hands but we ask that you pray for safety for those in our care and for our family.
- Pray for our church, Living Hope Bible Church and the spiritual growth of the saints. We praise God for Denver's Master's degree and for his very evident gifting in teaching.
- Pray that God would bless us with more like-minded supporters to help us raise the deficit in our personal support and for the Safe Homes.

For Him - Don, Rachel, Danielle, Hudson and Nathan!

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