

# THE *Roberts* TO SOUTH AFRICA

“For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.”

- Acts 13:47

Dear Praying Friends,

April, 2017

While it is impossible to condense all of God’s working over the past few months into a prayer letter, a brief synopsis should give a good idea of the Lord’s blessings. All of you who so faithfully support, partner in prayer, and correspond with us continue to make this ministry possible. Your cards, Christmas gifts, and responses to our prayer updates are a blessing and encouragement.

Though our trip to Malawi did not yield the desired results, we are still thankful for the opportunities the Lord provided. One stands out. A church member from South Africa has a son living in a remote village in Malawi. Anthony heard the Gospel while we were in his village, and professed faith in Christ. He now possesses his own Chichewa Bible. We hope that someday a Malawian will start a Gospel preaching church near his home.

Upon returning to South Africa, the effects of a flood greeted us at our home. Though the cleanup process took time, we thank the Lord for His provision through our insurance company. Because we did the cleanup work ourselves, we even had enough left over to buy a new dishwasher!

Over the past few months, we have been working with the Overmillers to see the members of Elandsfontein Baptist Church take more responsibility of the church ministries. The men of the church have made good progress in learning to teach the Bible to a wide age group. As EBC becomes more independent, our family will be transitioning to focus mainly on working with Bible Baptist Church in Kempton Park. Please continue to pray that the members of Elandsfontein would press forward in reaching their community for Christ.

At Bible Baptist in Kempton Park, God’s blessing has been evident over the past few months. We have seen several new people starting to attend faithfully. Another blessing came when Bongiwe enrolled at the Solid Rock Baptist Institute. Her mother, Doris, has recently started attending church as well, and still needs to be saved. We continue to trust the Lord to provide nationals who hear the call for the harvest field. There have been a couple of men at Bible Baptist who have also shown some interest in the Bible institute. Please pray that they would follow God’s leading.

Laura has enjoyed training the ladies of the church in teaching children. It is not abnormal in Africa for children to be left to wander around during the church services. The effect on the children learning from God’s Word can already be seen.

We rejoice in the Lord that in August, another boy is due to be born into the Roberts’ household.

Sincerely in Christ,  
The Roberts Family—Nathan, Laura, Peter, Seth, and Heidi

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