

The Childs

Missionaries to
Cape Town, South Africa



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Praises

- *Recovery is going well.*
- *The Lord directed us in our decisions about treatment and provided a great doctor.*

Prayer Requests

- *Pray for strength as we face Nathan's cancer diagnosis.*
- *Pray for Oscar, Miguel, and Kaine to be saved.*
- *Pray for the discipleship lessons with Ndipiwe.*
- *Pray for Jaydy, Eugene, Zoe, Dilan and Storm to be saved.*
- *Pray for Chloe and Cara. We don't know if these girls are saved.*
- *Please pray for the Lord's will to be done regarding the building purchase.*
- *Pray that our people would be faithful to the Lord and the church services.*

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you all for your continued prayers for my health. I want to include a brief update and then to share what the Lord has been doing on the church side.

I am five weeks post-surgery and everything seems to be healing well. I am gaining strength each day, and my mobility is getting better all the time. I am still adjusting to life with a colostomy, but the Lord is giving grace.

As you know, Kristin and I have been faced with several major decisions, and we have been praying that the Lord would give us His wisdom to make the right choices. Our biggest decision has focused on where to seek treatment. We sought the prayers and counsel of many different people, and I researched everything that I thought could help us. Last week, God clearly led us to seek treatment at a great oncology center here in South Africa. The facility is not fancy, but it is modern and very close to our home. The Lord also provided a great oncologist through my surgeon. Starting Thursday, November 2, I will have to undergo six months of chemotherapy treatments, and we were told that radiation is not needed. Praise the Lord! Please continue to pray for us as we transition into a new phase of our journey. Also, please pray for strength for me as I undergo treatments and for opportunities to share Christ with others.

In late September, the Lord opened the door for the church to look very seriously at a building. Over the past several weeks, the church has prayed fervently for the Lord to make His will clearly known. Brother Graham has put in many hours of work discussing with real estate agents, the deacons, and the entire church body the possibility of this building working for our ministry and of submitting an offer. On Monday, October 16, the church officially submitted their offer, which was accepted two days later. Brother Graham and the deacons are working to finalize the paperwork. If all goes through, Calvary Bible Baptist Church will be able to take possession of their new building in March. Praise the Lord! Thank you all for praying.

Thank you for your faithful prayers for us!

Your servants for Africa,

Nathan & Kristin Childs



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