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family

Reaching Orphans for Jesus Christ

Missionaries
to
**South
Africa**



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Dear Praying Friends,

*Check out Little Fish Ministries youtube channel for a VIDEO update you can share with your church. (April 2021 Update) For ministry pictures and frequent updates, find Little Fish Ministries on Instagram/Facebook or follow us @brentbergey or @selinabergey.

In May, we celebrated our fourth anniversary of serving in South Africa! We took some time to reminisce on all God has done, both in our family's lives and in our ministries, and while there certainly have been multiple and many-faceted trials, the blessings of serving God far outweigh them.

The work on the Little Fish Ministry property continues. With the playground and addition to the future baby haven complete, we have turned our attention to staff and orphan housing. The first orphan cottage and nurse's home has a target completion date of August 1, and we hope to have our home completed by Christmas. Our goal remains to open our first baby haven for abandoned children in January of 2022! Watching this 23 acres of land transformed from a mess of weeds and woods into a safe place for hurting children is nothing short of miraculous. THANK YOU to each one of you who have participated in supporting LFM. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of orphaned and abandoned children here.

Abundant Life Baptist Church continues to grow! Since our last update, we have had two families and three young adults join the ALBC family. We have had six professions of faith and our first baptismal service. (A highlight for me was the balmy 53 degree water!) Our expanded services now include a Faith Builders hour, and the monthly Family Night on the Little Fish Ministries' property continues to be helpful for both our church family and our community outreach.

Next month, Abundant Life Baptist University will begin! This online university partners with an independent Baptist university in the US and will provide continuing education for our church members, whether they are pursuing full-time ministry or desiring to learn more about the Bible.

Selina, Ellie, Nathaniel and I recently completed a six week intensive trauma-informed caregiver course. This certification gives us another tool for orphan ministry. We will utilize this practical training soon with an orphanage we work in near our church. Several of the teens there have professed faith in Christ and are faithful to our church, and we have an open door to begin working with some of the other 100 children there. Please pray we can reach hearts with the gospel.

Our teammates Brandon and Maggie Byerly and Brittney Schear have both passed the 50% mark for deputation! Matt and Courtney Womack recently hit 40% and will be flying here in July for their two week survey trip, and Hannah Bennett returns from her furlough then as well. Lorna Mitchell and our older children, Ellie and Nathaniel, are a daily blessing and asset to the ministries here! It is amazing to see how God continues to build our Little Fish Ministries team.

We will leave you with a few prayer needs:

- 1) An important upcoming court case. Pray for God to move in the hearts of the judge and social worker.
- 2) Building projects to be completed quickly.
- 3) Financial needs. Our electrical system has to be upgraded to handle the load of multiple buildings. This has an estimate of at least \$15,000. After a recent security breach, we need to build a wall across the front of the property. The estimate for this is \$10,000. Lastly, water restrictions, the high cost of water, and municipality issues make drilling a well essential. The initial investment of \$9,000 will pay off in long-term reliability and savings.

Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support.

Yours for South Africa,

Brent, Selina, Ellie, Nathaniel, Noah, Ethan, Gabbey, Lyssie, Andrew and Titus

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