

## Bergey April 2022 Prayer Letter



April 8, 2022  
Dear Praying Friends,

We want to start by saying thank you to the HUGE outpouring of love, encouragement, gift cards, financial offerings, cards, and messages to our family after our son Nathaniel's (17) recent cancer diagnosis. Facing this difficult journey alone would have been much more challenging.

Selina and Nathaniel

arrived in the US on March 13, and met with the oncology team. Nathaniel was further diagnosed with Stage IV Pediatric Burkitt's Lymphoma. As soon as his surgical site (from removal of the tumor) was healed, the first round of chemotherapy was begun. Burkitt is a very fast-growing cancer; therefore, the treatment is extremely aggressive. Nathaniel has been very sick and almost completely in bed; besides chemo sickness, he has had ecoli, norobirus, enterovirus, and c diff. He also had an allergic reaction to one of the most important medications needed for successful treatment; the doctors plan to attempt desensitization of that medication in the ICU soon.



The last six weeks have been overwhelming for our family. And yet, God continues to answer prayer and make a way when we cannot see a way. Our team nurse, Hannah Bennett, was stateside already for a few weeks, and has joined Selina for the time being to help with Nathaniel. Our daughter Ellie (20) has taken over her mama's role and is homeschooling the younger children. I am able to continue leading our LFM team, ministering at our church, and caring for our other 7 children here in South Africa while Selina focuses on Nathaniel. Even though our hearts long to be together, we remain confident that God is working in and through this situation; He will get the glory.

News from the field:



The LFM educational and medical building is going up quickly! We are now at roof height. Our target date of May 15 remains, and we are thrilled to report that God has provided the remaining funds to complete this project! This truly multi-purpose hall will have a medical clinic, school for orphans, three bathrooms, intern and single teacher housing, kitchen, and covered seating for 80 people.

Just yesterday, we welcomed a newly abandoned newborn boy to LFM. Praise the Lord for the opportunity to continue loving and serving these little ones. Baby Boy comes to us without even a name---aren't you thankful that our God knows us by name?

Praises:

- \*A good medical team for our son
- \*Teammates stepping into positions and meeting needs
- \*Educational/medical hall progress

Prayer Needs:

- \*HEALING for Nathaniel
- \*Strength for our entire family during this time of intense separation
- \*Our teammates to complete deputation quickly

Yours for the Orphan,  
Brent and Selina Bergey  
Ellie, Nathaniel, Noah, Ethan, Gabbey, Lyssie, Andrew, and Titus

And our Little Fish Ministries Team  
Lorna Mitchell, Hannah Bennett,  
The Brandon and Maggie Byerly Family,  
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