

The King Family

Church Planting in South Africa

June 2017 Prayer Letter



Dear Praying Pastors and Friends,

May was a great month of deputation for us. With our departure date set for the 30th of May, we did a lot to make the most out of our last days in the States before setting out for the field. We spent much time visiting with family and friends, made a trip to Washington D.C. to apply for our volunteer visas, packed, packed, and repacked our bags, and tied up last minuted details to prepare for leaving the country. However, the month ended with disappointing news which will require us to stay in the States for a few more months.

In April, we had some missionary friends run into trouble getting their volunteer visas for South Africa. The embassy in Washington D.C. had been appointed a new consular and he was being very particular about the visas that he was granting. Because of all this, we decided to go the route of hiring a South African Immigration Attorney. Our attorney was very confident that he could secure us volunteer visas, however, the Consular in D.C. decided against us.

On the morning of May 30th, I received a call from the South African Consular in Washington D.C. informing me that our applications for the volunteer visa would not be approved. In his opinion, according South African law, we are employees of a church and not true volunteers because we have support coming in from American churches. He said because of this, we must have work visas. He informed me that before we can even apply for a work visa, we must first apply for a waiver that would allow us to work in South Africa. Unfortunately, this is a lengthy process and will take at least 4 to 6 months. Please pray for us as we take the necessary steps for obtain a work visa to gain access to a long term ministry in South Africa. We may have been shocked and disappointed by all that has transpired but know that our God has it all under control and is not taken by surprise by any of this!

Over next few months, along with trying to obtain our visas, we are going to get the most out of our time here. We will strive to raise the last bit of support that we need. We will also be teaching in the training center and preparing ourselves better for the work God has called us to do. We are looking at this extra time as a blessing from our Lord. He has giving us so much and he has even given us extra time to become extra prepared.

Thank you for praying for us during this time.

We love you all!

For His Glory,

- Jason, Ashley, Marley, Norah, & Ian

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