



# the Brent & Selina BERGEY



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Reaching Orphans for Jesus Christ

Missionaries to South Africa

Dear Praying Friends,

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“And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.” Deuteronomy 31:8

This has been an extremely stretching year so far for our family. We prefer to shout the praises of God in our prayer letters to our supporters, but God is still God and He is still good in the deepest of valleys, too.

As most of you know, our 17 year old son, Nathaniel, was diagnosed with Pediatric Burkitt Lymphoma in the first week of March, during an emergency surgery for a bowel obstruction. Selina flew back to the US with him a few days later, while I remained with our other seven children and ministries in South Africa.



Nathaniel has spent almost the entirety of the last three months in the hospital, undergoing chemotherapy treatment and suffering through intense side effects of the medications. We are thankful that his recent scans came back clear, and he has just completed his last treatment cycle. The journey is far from over, however, as his doctors need to monitor him closely for relapse, with appointments every 4 weeks for the next year, and then stretched out a bit after that. He also still suffers from many side effects of the treatment and has follow up visits with Physical Therapy, Gastroenterology, Surgery, and Cardiology. His immune system is compromised and will probably remain so for up to six months.

For these reasons, Nathaniel must stay close to his doctors at Duke Children’s Hospital. I will be bringing the rest of the family to the US for one month in July, so we can have some much needed family time. We miss each other deeply.

There have been so many who have reached out and offered encouragement these last few months. We remain shocked, grateful, and sincerely humbled at the way God continually uses His people to meet our financial needs as well. Thank you.

While doing all we can to effectively minister and lead our church, Little Fish Ministries team, and children’s home, our hearts are deeply burdened for our precious son. We ask you to pray with us for no

**Praises:**

- Fully funded medical/educational building
- Chemotherapy completed
- Teammates arriving soon

relapses and for full and complete healing for Nathaniel.

We shared last time that Hannah, our team nurse, stayed in the US with Nathaniel and Selina, as a support to them. Words cannot describe our gratefulness for her sacrifice. She returns to serve in South Africa mid-June, and we are excited to welcome her back.

Our teammates, Matthew and Courtney Womack, have completed deputation and will arrive in South Africa at the end of this month! We are elated to have them join us and know God will use them in a great way. Their arrival and addition to our on-the-ground team allows me to leave and be with my wife and son. I am very, very thankful.

The medical and educational building is fully funded and nearing completion, but some spiritual opposition from some government officials has halted our progress. Please pray this can be worked out so we can complete this building; only a few weeks worth of work remains!



Our house mama, Lorna, is doing an amazing job at being the hands and feet of Jesus to the orphans in her cottage. Due to the events of the past few months, we have had to postpone the opening of our second home for abandoned babies, Hope Harbour Haven. We trust that our sovereign God knew this and is not disappointed like we are in this news. Our prayer is that we can resume the planning and preparing of the haven in a few months.

The church is doing well and we continue to have faithful attendance and steady visitors. Just this past Sunday, three precious people made a profession of faith! Our church families have blessed me so much by filling in the gaps during this time with my responsibilities stretched even further. This is drawing our church family closer together and strengthening the body.



God continues to be faithful. We praise Him for what He has done, what He is currently doing, and what He will do in our future. do in our future.

**Prayer Needs:**

- Healing for Nathaniel
- Paperwork issue resolved for building project
- Strength for our family during this time



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