



Jerrold & Karen Myers

Missionaries to

South Africa

Serving the Lord in Africa Since 1996

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Dear Pastor and Church Family,

Karen and I hope you had a wonderful and blessed Christmas. What a joy it was to spend the holidays with our children and grandchildren. We also wish you a Happy New Year! We pray for the Lord will use you in your ministries in a great and mighty way. If ever salt and light are needed in this perverted world we live, it is certainly NOW! We also wish to thank you for the sacrificial gifts given during the holidays. They are very much appreciated.

We ask your prayers for our ministries in Uganda and South Africa. It is hard to imagine the cultural differences during the holidays between here and Africa. In America most families take their vacations during the summertime. So every several weeks it seems some of the church family are away from the church. However in Africa everyone takes their holiday during December!

Our Christmas vacations in Uganda sees almost everyone in Tororo town going back to the villages. Schools end their school year early December and then begin again in January. It is the biggest holiday vacation of the year. Similar in South Africa. Business close for the month of December. Sad to say many of the "churches" also close. Our first Christmas waking thru the mall we passed a store all decorated for Christmas and lawn mowers & gardening supplies on sale. On the opposite side, a store had camping and sporting equipment on sale. It's summer time in South Africa! Christmas day families get together and have a "Braai" (grill for their special meal), then most go camping to the national parks. Needless to say, our ministries are gearing up to "round up" every one back to town and get them back in church!

We would appreciate your prayers concerning our health, especially Karen. While we were in NC, she was not feeling well and I went to preach in the evening service without her in a nearby supporting church. Just at then end of the Sunday night service I got an urgent call that Karen needed to go to the emergency room. We spent over seven hours in the emergency room. She was having continual abdominal pain that when around to her back. After several test, scans and shots of morphine, it was concluded that the cause of pain seemed to be her back. Both of us have had several boughs of cold, allergies and last week Covid. Seems our immune systems aren't use to being in the US. One of our church members in South Africa thinks we are allergic to America!

The Lord has given us the opportunity to expand our ministry here in the States while we are on furlough and upon our return to SA for next term. Pray for wisdom and we plan to update you in the next prayer letter. Much to do in 2025! The Lord's coming and we must be busy about the Master's business.

Yours In Missions,

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