

Dear Praying Friends & Family

Another year is dawning! Dear Master, let it be, In working or in waiting, Another year with thee.

"Another year is dawning" by Frances Ridley Havergale

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Oxford, England!

We are thrilled that the Lord brought us through another year. Heaving met all out needs, provided above and beyond for big projects, performed miracles in the simple ways, and has met us at each step however challenging and blessed the moments were.

Our last prayer letter left us in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. We are grateful for those who gave extra for the concrete pour for the church we helped build in the month of June. We were thankful for the open door we had to be there for 8 weeks. Our hearts grew to love the people and have a new burden for those in need of the Gospel there, in Victoria Falls and the surrounding villages in Zimbabwe.

JULY

Sarah and the children had to leave a week sooner due to having to move out of our home

in Oxford and the potential of not being able to fly back to the UK, as she was nearing her due date for our fourth child!

Camp Victory began the last week of July! It was our biggest year to date! Sarah was able to help in the kitchen & child care this year. It was a wonderful blessing to see so many children under one tent learning about the things of the Lord and those having questions about their soul. After the service in the evening Sarah was able to talk with young ladies about the Gospel and share with them from the scriptures about their assurance of salvation! It was a blessed time!

AUGUST

Second week of Camp Victory began! Sarah's mom came to help for the month, as Dillon was away for the majority of the month, and baby was due. We had another wonderful week serving others but ultimately serving the Lord. There is always difficulties amidst the blessing however the Lord was magnified and many young people made decisions for the Lord!

When Dillon came home we spent a few days as a family. Finished moving and getting ready for the baby!

Heritage Bible Conference is a meeting geared toward families and happened right during my due date. Dillon took the girls while Sarah stayed home with her mom and Hudson. Day two of the conference Dillon gave a testimony of his time in Zimbabwe. Then had to come home later in the day as Sarah went into labor!

We praise the Lord for a safe delivery!

Hannington Judah Renner August 24, 2024 7lbs. 9oz. 12:43 AM

SEPTEMBER

This time of year we have Crown College students come to work with us! There were 20 students this term, including American, Dutch, Welsh, and English! We praise the Lord for the opportunity to invest into their lives. They stay in our home from Friday to Monday morning. We had three students come help us in Oxford. The children always love having them here with us!

OCTOBER

Our family continue to serve at Oxford Baptist Chapel while the Pastor went to the state to raise support. We took on the various responsibilities whilst they were away. I also helped teach two Bible classes at Crown Hall. This was a great opportunity to get good experience teaching some Bible classes to our student workers.

We conducted another Holiday Bible Club for children. It was on the Life of Joshua! We had around 70 or so children during the entire week. The Lord was working in the hearts of many of the children. We've seen an increase and in our SS at the church because of it. Praise the Lord.

We helped serve at the Answers in Genesis Mega Conference in Birmingham at the end of October. We organized "Megakids" and just repeated our Holiday Bible Club for 200+ children. One thing that I would like to highlight from our time at the Creation Mega Conference, was holding family worship in your home with more intention. We are implementing this each day in our home. Together as a family we gather around the Word of God and have a time of family worship. It has been a blessing and joy to see our children excited for family worship, asking so many questions, and coming under conviction of sin. Please pray for the salvation of all four of our children!

NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER

Seth and Joanna Izers, missionaries who we work with at Oxford Baptist chapel, arrived back and we have continued serving together at the church.

Noel became very ill and had to be taken to the hospital twice during these months and put on oxygen and had to be treated with a nebulizer. This was very new to us, and we didn't quite know what to do. Thankfully a man who works in the ER, goes to our church. He gave us good advice during this time. Please pray for her continued health.

In December, Dillon & Hudson had the opportunity to go back to Zimbabwe and help with a Holiday Bible Club. As well as work out some details concerning the coming year. There was 400+ children during the week. We were there a total of ten days helping with the Mission work and church plant Victoria Falls Baptist Church. The same work we were involved in this summer for two months. We're praying for many of the children that they would come to put their faith in Christ as Lord and that it would spread to their families as well.

The Next Chapter

We have prayed much for the news we are about to share and we know this is what God has as the next step for us as we seek to follow God by faith. We would have never thought that going to England would have given us an open door to Zimbabwe, Africa. We don't know for how long the Lord will have us there but we are committing to the next year of helping further establish The Victoria Falls Baptist Church and for however long God desires for us to stay beyond that. The work in Victoria Falls is an extension of the group of missionaries we work with in the UK. We will regularly be having Pastors and people from our team from the Crown Christian Heritage Trust coming over at various times throughout the year. Helping with Shepherds conferences, Holiday Bible Clubs, buildings projects, etc... As well as various groups from the States come help as we pioneer a gospel mission station in Zimbabwe, Africa!

Thats right you read correctly our family is moving to Africa. On Feb 14th! Please pray for many of the unknown and various changes that we will be navigating. Most of all please pray for the salvation of souls, establishing of the church and for God to be glorified with our lives! We are packing and preparing as we write this. Just one month away now!!!

Some specifics to pray for

- -That our luggage will all arrive and that nothing will be missing.
- -That God would provide for us in each step of the way.
- -That we will see genuine conversions and change in those we share the gospel with and that it will be followed up with faithful discipleship.
- -That the team of laborers in Africa that God brings together will have unity and desire to trust God for the miraculous.
- -That God would provide the property for a church camp/as well as a property in the town of Victoria Falls, to have the main church in town.

Faithfully Serving Christ, Dillon & Sarah Renner

