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*Many, O Lord, my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done... they are more than can be numbered. Psalm 40:5*

After years of church planting by American missionaries here in South Africa it is so encouraging to see these churches now taking the lead in sending church planters to needy areas here and missionaries to other parts of the world.

As we mentioned in previous letters Pastor Rocky and the Benoni church hope to plant a church in the Pretoria area. Pretty much everything is in place for them to begin services there and they are just waiting for confirmation of a meeting place. They would appreciate your prayers that this will soon be confirmed and that people in the community will respond to the invitation to visit these services. As Pastor Rocky expressed it, *"We hope that this church will become a fully autonomous local church within ten years and that it too will carry a burden for church planting in our country which so desperately needs more biblically sound local churches."* Please pray and we will keep you updated.

Biblical Ministries South Africa is making great strides as several couples have joined the mission, and churches as well as South African businesses are financially supporting this very young endeavor. Wesley and April continue in their work to help establish the new mission and are always excited to share the news about what's happening! Many of you knew and supported my dad, Jack Davis who was ministering here in South Africa before Tom and I came out in 1976. We are excited to have our son and his wife now building on this ministry by helping to launch Biblical Ministries South Africa. If you are interested in learning more or serving the Lord through their work here, let us know and we'll pass it along to them. We are just so excited and thankful to be witnesses of what God is doing through the South African churches to advance the gospel around the world. We hope this is an encouragement to you as faithful prayer partners and supporters, since you are contributing to the continuance of sending the gospel out to, and now FROM South Africa!

We continue to be blessed with the opportunity to disciple young people in their walk with the Lord and to have open doors to do evangelism. Just today we were amazed at how the Lord very unexpectedly opened a door for evangelism through a "random encounter " with an elementary school mate of Emily's who we hadn't seen for years. After two hours of conversation we exchanged phone numbers and hope to have coffee together soon. Pray that this encounter will lead to another soul being saved.

### **SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST**

Tom has recovered well from his knee and shoulder replacements last year. His cardiologist has now determined that he needs a pacemaker and he was able to fit him in for this procedure on the **14th of February**. This was sooner than we expected but we are glad that it is scheduled as he has been experiencing shortness of breath and weakness in his legs. Of course living at an altitude higher than Denver doesn't help where oxygen is concerned. ***Please be praying that we will see improvement in Tom's general health and strength.***

***Once again we thank you for your faithful prayers and support. We thank God for you daily as you are such an encouragement to us.***

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