



The Depew Family

CHURCH PLANTING MISSIONARIES TO SOUTH AFRICA



April 2026 Prayer Letter

Dear praying friends,

I trust you all had a blessed Resurrection Sunday a couple of weeks ago. Since our last prayer letter, quite a bit has happened, and we're grateful to share an update with you. Our family is doing well, and we're thankful for this season of life and ministry the Lord has given us. Living in this beautiful country is a gift, and we're grateful to take part in meaningful ministry here. Recently, my mom was able to visit for 10 days, which was a real encouragement to all of us—especially our kids, who had been missing their grandma. As many of you know, one of the harder parts of missions is being far from family and close friends, so visits like this are deeply appreciated and never taken for granted.

In February, we traveled about five hours to the city of Oudtshoorn to help lead an expositional preaching workshop for a like-minded church. Around 20 people attended, including pastors, preachers, and others eager to grow in faithful Bible teaching. This opportunity came through a couple from our church who moved there last year, and the pastor expressed how helpful this kind of training would be—not only for their congregation but also for other churches in the area, where faithful, gospel-preaching churches are few. Along with a teammate and another pastor from Cape Town, we taught through the book of Titus. We were encouraged by the engagement and eagerness of those who attended, and, Lord willing, we plan to return later this year for another workshop.

Last month, our church in Cape Town hosted a similar workshop, this time with about a dozen local pastors and men training for ministry, working through the Gospel of Mark. In both settings, we emphasized handling Scripture carefully—understanding the text in its context, following the author's main point, seeing how it points to Christ, and letting God's Word shape our thinking and lives. I'm thankful for these opportunities and encouraged by the desire we see in others to preach faithfully and biblically.

Things are also going well at our church. During the week, we're involved in a couple of Bible studies—one we recently completed through the book of Ecclesiastes, and another focused on cultural apologetics with a group of men who are eager to grow in that area. We've also resumed our Bible study at the University of the Western Cape, where we will be answering the question, "Who is Jesus?" Please keep this in prayer as we look forward to reaching students with the gospel.

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Another unique opportunity has opened up with a local elementary school, where I've been invited to teach the Bible once a week. Opportunities like this are increasingly rare, and I do not take lightly the privilege of sharing the gospel in a public school setting. Please pray for boldness and for the Lord to work in the hearts of these children.

Finally, we would appreciate your continued prayers for our visa applications, which we submitted back in December. We have not yet received an update and are hoping for good news soon. Please pray that they would be approved for the full three-year duration.

We want to thank all of you for your continual prayers on our behalf, and we are so grateful for your partnership in the gospel. We praise God for each of you, and please know that we would not be able to take the gospel to the nations without your help!

Prayer Requests:

-Pray that the Lord would continue to raise up faithful preachers, and that future workshops (including the planned return to Oudtshoorn) would bear lasting fruit in local churches.

-Pray for the Bible study at the University of the Western Cape and the elementary school—that students would come to a true understanding of who Jesus is and respond to the gospel in repentance and faith.

-Pray for favor regarding our visa applications—that they would be approved for the full three-year duration.

In Christ,
Tom, Tiffany, Lydia, Lucy, Lola & Luka Depew