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2 Samuel 22:37 “Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; so that my feet did not slip ”

The common saying we hear is **“When the Lord closes one door, He always opens another.”** This only half tells the story of how the ending of our year went. The Lord never completely closed doors, but what He did do, is allowed one door to open another, then another and another! And if being completely honest, we became some what overwhelmed with excitement and at other times nervously confused! Our final two months were bathed in prayer, waiting on the Lord and decision making, but it got us to here.

We are so excited to share how the foundations of the work in the DRC has come to be something we NEVER even imagined possible! But another good reminder...**“For with God nothing shall be impossible.” - Luke 1:37.**

While on deputation, we shared with many churches how we needed to be invited in by another ministry to follow the legal process for DRC. That was a task we prayed for and followed the Lord as He led us to a ministry. This opened the door for us to meet the gentleman we spoke about in our previous prayer letter who we visited in the village of Sakania. While there, we met many officials in immigration and the opportunity arose to sit with them and discuss our desire to reach the DRC for Christ. They were most excited as they had previously **been a part of helping missionaries from years past get into the country.**

They were also able to share with us how **we can legally establish our own paperwork, invite ourselves in as missionaries and open a door for others of like faith to come in the future!** How good is our God!! He already had these men waiting on us when we were still sweating the small stuff! My Pastor had always told me that God not only prepares the man for the field, but also the field for the man. How true this has been for us!

We are thankful God is allowing us to pioneer a way for others to also come and help reach the DRC! **Please pray with us for this as establishing the paperwork** is one of our 1st term objectives and is critical for having us minister in the DRC long term.

After this visit, the hunt for a home started. That bring us to why our prayer letter is so very late. We must apologize for this. We had spent the beginning of January viewing homes and could just not get peace. Many of the homes had no basic amenities - water, electricity connections, sewage facilities, or on the opposite side of the scale were extremely pricey in a very affluent area “Away from the locals”...This would not work as these are the very people God has called us to reach.

One day, we accidentally (well nothing is by accident, as we all know) stumbled across a small 2 bedroom cottage nestled in the middle of a farm. We both immediately felt drawn to the home but as most of us do, we questioned if it was right or not. After viewing the property again a few days later, we knew that **God had that property reserved just for us!** Our landlady's name is Madam Kazz and we are praying we can be a great witness to her, the farm workers and the surrounding community and see them all come to know Christ as Saviour.

As the way forward continues to unfold, please do be in **prayer as Shane's visitors visa is expiring and we will need to renew it** Also, we chose to send a container from South Africa with our household goods as it would be more cost effective than to ship one from the States. The time has officially come to find a company and send it. **Please do pray that we find the right company and that all our goods make it safely** without any issues crossing the borders.

We also would like to ask you to **pray for Emily's health.** When we were previously in Sakania, she contracted Typhoid but was only able to be treated a week later. This took a strong toll on her body and she has been experiencing issues since then which seem to be getting worse. We will be seeking medical attention so please do be **in prayer for her health and wisdom for the doctors, and a full swift recovery.**

We hope that you share in our excitement seeing what God is doing. We stand amazed as we look back and see what God has done so very quickly with many months and years of prayer been answered already! **Thank you for laboring in prayer with and for us! Please do not cease as there is much more work to do and we know Who goes ahead of us!!**

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