

Our Work for the Lord in Southern Africa -- June 2018

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Dear brethren,

Durban: Our work in the Durban area continues the same as last month. If all goes according to plan, we have already been to some of the congregations we work with for the last time before we depart. It is not easy to say good-bye. Hopefully we will meet again in future years, but that is something we leave in the Lord's hands. I have been preaching on the armour of God and running the Christian race – lessons I hope will be encouraging to those we leave behind. We have been encouraged that Oscar's wife has attended worship with us the past two Sundays. It is also encouraging to see growth in Christians. For example, the Unit 9 congregation has recently started a ladies' study taught by their own ladies.

Progress towards our move: We have caught up with all the paperwork that we think I need to have when I appear at the US Consulate in Johannesburg on July 26th. We pray that everything will be in order and my application for an immigration visa will be successful. If it is, then we will be able to depart for the USA a few weeks thereafter. We have sold most of the household items we need to sell. Thankfully the buyers have graciously allowed us to use the things we need until we depart. Unfortunately, we have not sold our cottage, although many people have come to look at it. That is something we are praying about! We finally received all the quotes for our move. The quote we felt was the best value for money ended up being \$6450, but will ultimately depend on the exchange rate. We want to express our sincere appreciation to the church in Bulverde, Texas, who contributed \$1000 towards our move – even

though we have been saving towards this expense. A dear friend and sister in Christ has also given us a generous gift that we think will enable us to replace our appliances and even some furniture. The shipping company has graciously agreed to give us a potential "pack up" date on August 13th, pending the result of the visa interview.

Our future work in the USA: If the Lord wills, in addition to whatever work we find to do as a part of the congregation we attend in the USA, we hope to continue to be a source of encouragement to our brethren in Africa. Now that many have access to the internet via their phones, we thought that a website would be useful to them. We are reformatting material in different African languages that we have had translated in the past so that it can go on the website, as well as providing material in English. The website is only in its beginning stages but you can check it out at www.liveforgodafrica.com. Websites are a lot more work than we originally thought! We have never tried anything like this before, but thanks to help from our son and daughter plus Linda's efforts to learn how websites work, we were able to make a start. We pray that God will bless this work to strengthen His people and to reach those who are lost with the gospel – for His glory.

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Thankful and rejoicing, your fellow-servant in Christ,
Les Maydell