

  **Our Work for the Lord wherever there is opportunity -- August 2018**

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Dear brethren,

We are just overwhelmed by the goodness of God, surrounding us with so many brethren who pray for us and care for us in various ways. Our hearts were particularly touched by the brethren at the Phoenix congregation in Durban who gave us R2000 (\$150) towards our move; and the brethren in Appleton, WI, who helped us with \$1000. We have now received about half of our moving costs as well as enough money to replace much of what we left behind.



We were able to sell just about everything we wanted to sell except for the cottage – and we ask that you pray for it to be sold soon as we are responsible for the monthly levy (similar to HOA fees) until it sells. The movers came on the appointed day and packed our things into a 9-cubic-foot crate. They say they have now managed to finish filling the shipping container with another shipment and our things should be arriving in about 5 weeks. However, they have not yet billed us – they say that they keep finding cheaper rates!

Our flights and my immigration screening process went without a hitch. We landed in Atlanta and were able to enjoy a wonderful family weekend with Gloria, Sam and their 4 children. We arrived in St Louis at about 9 pm on Monday, August 27th, and within 24 hours found a lovely 2-bedroom house to rent! It was larger, but not any more expensive than the two other two-bedroom houses we looked at. The larger living and dining area make it an ideal house for extending hospitality, and it is also wheelchair friendly in case Linda's mother becomes confined to a wheel chair. We couldn't find a clear picture of the front on-



line, but the back view lets you see that God has blessed me to have somewhere to keep my green fingers active! If any of you are ever passing through St Louis, let us know -- our home is open to you. Linda's mother is doing well physically, but there is a marked decline in her cognitive ability since we last saw her. We are so thankful to be here.

As we have had many adventures in the past, we now look forward to a new life in the USA. I have been invited to preach on September 30th at Ellisville and on October 7th at Kirkwood. I have also been asked to teach an adult class at Kirkwood, and to Skype a class to the Pinetown brethren as soon as we get settled. I thank God for the doors He has opened as I want to be of service to Him and His people as long as I am able. There is truly much to do for the Lord, no matter where you are.

Your fellow-servant in Christ, Les Maydell.