

Thank you for carrying us through your prayers...

"The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." — **Deuteronomy 31:8**

As we look ahead to a full, exciting, and busy season of ministry, I am deeply reminded that I cannot step out in my own strength. I just love the words of the beautiful hymn "**Our God Will Go Before Us**" (by Keith & Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell, and Matt Papa):

*Our God will go before us and guide us by His presence,
What confidence this promise is... We will never walk alone.
Through unknown paths, through shadows our hearts fear not tomorrow,
for every step His faithfulness is the truth that lights our way...
Our God will go before us, the Lord of Hosts is with us,
O praise the One who leads us on for His grace will bring us home...*

The Harvest Field Ahead

The last few weeks have been a whirlwind of final arrangements as we have been putting all the puzzle pieces in place for our **five upcoming DFC Trainings**. Yusuph and I worked very hard, but have now completed the work on our revised **Level 1 Manual**—just in time for all the new cycles of trainings!

This time around, we will be conducting **four Level 1 Trainings** across these locations:

- Mwanza
- Dodoma
- Dar Es Salaam
- Majahida Bible Training School

We will also continue our training at the **Katungulu Bible College** with a **Level 2 Training** for about **150 students**.

To cover all this ground, **two teams** will be deployed simultaneously again. **Eliada Bujiku** will lead one team, and **Yusuph Malahu** will lead the other. I will be joining Eliada and her teams this time at Katungulu and Mwanza. We are also happy to welcome two new Co-Teachers to our teaching family—**Simon Hatari** and **Andrew Kamoyo**.

A Sweet Interlude of Rest

On Monday evening, I arrived in Johannesburg, and I am sending you this little update from **Upington where I will be spending the** next two weeks with my sweet Mom, my sister, and my niece, Hestie. Precious time that I never take for granted!

Standing with Us in Prayer

- **For Rest and Refreshment:** Please pray that these next two weeks in Upington will be a sweet time of physical rest, deep refreshment, and spiritual preparation before the busy weeks of training begin.

- **For Our Teaching Teams:** Please pray for our teachers as they study and prepare the units they will be teaching. Please lift up Simon and Andrew especially as they step into their new roles with us.
- **For Our Logistics:** Pray for our amazing training coordinators as they follow up with students and manage the mountain of details that goes into making these trainings happen.
- **For the Students:** Pray for all the students who will be traveling—some with their spouses—to attend. Pray that God will prepare their hearts to receive His Word.
- **For My Family on the Home Front:** Please cover **Kobus, Jacques, and Wiehan** with your prayers as they keep things running at home.
 - Please pray especially for **Kobus**, whose job has been incredibly stressful lately with all the tension and issues surrounding the Strait of Hormuz.
 - Pray for **Jacques and Taylor** as they navigate the very final details of their upcoming wedding!
 - Pray for **Wiehan** as he manages his job and life over in Abilene.

I am so incredibly thankful for each of you who walk this journey with us. Thank you for your love, your constant encouragement, and your faithful prayers...

“Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. I am so pleased that you have continued on in this with us, believing and proclaiming God’s Message, from the day you heard it right up to the present. There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears.”

— **Philippians 1:3-6 (The Message)**

