

The Porterfields to South Sudan Prayer Letter Nov/Dec 2016 Update

Happy New Year! We are excited to see what the Lord has in store for our family and our ministry in 2017 as we make plans to continue to the work of partnering with and training nationals. We pray each of you had a merry Christmas, and would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to those of you who sent us an extra monetary gift for Christmas. It was such a big help to us, and we can't say thank you enough!!! We were blessed with a wonderful Christmas with our family. We tried to focus a lot on the true meaning of Christmas with a little stuffed shepherd named Sam who helped point us every day to Jesus. And our sweet Beth got to see her first answered prayer. She started praying about a month ago, unprompted by us, for a tricycle. Little did she know, before she ever started praying, we had already found one for cheap on a yardsale page and it was sitting in her uncle's garage waiting for Christmas. She prayed every night! She was overjoyed that Jesus answered her prayers on Christmas, and we were too!

To those of you who took time to pray for the court hearing with Dr. Tucker over our stand for prolife, thank you from the bottom of our heart! Though it looked impossible for the case to be dismissed due to the judge who was hearing the case, we prayed and it was dismissed! Our Jesus certainly answers prayer!

We are still hoping a few more churches we have visited will make the decision to take us on for support, but for all intents and purposes, the deputation phase of our ministry is complete! Thanks for faithfully supporting us and praying for us through this process.

Here's a quick update on our nationals: Carlos Ramos was stateside raising support for his project in Venezuela, and has returned home. He raised some funds, but still needs more to meet the goal. Please prayerfully consider getting involved with his projects, as he is doing a great work! In northern Uganda, the nationals we work with are seeing people saved and baptized, which is such a blessing! Please pray specifically for the health of Pastor James' and Pastor George's wives, as they both have been having some problems. George is tirelessly working to complete the NGO process for us, as well as wrap up the paperwork for the recent purchase of our land there. In Cuba, Yovany's small gathering of believers is stable, and he is working hard, leading people to Christ!

We have asked many times for you to pray for an assistant/secretary for our ministry. We are looking at a couple possible solutions for this. We have a young man interested in South Sudan who is considering coming to work with us as an intern this summer, so pray that if God wants him here, it will work out! We are also looking at hiring a virtual assistant to help with some of the basic tasks Eric needs assistance with due to his blindness. Pray for wisdom and for us to follow the Lord's leading in these areas.

We love and appreciate you. We pray this year will be filled with a deeper knowledge of our Savior and lots of opportunities to serve Him and share His love with others.



Answered Prayer!

Prayer Requests

*Peace in South Sudan
*James' and George's wife's
health
*A secretary/assistant for BFM
*Funds for Carlos' project
*Souls to be saved
*Laborers

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