

Dear Praying Friends,

January 2023

I hope that each of you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! It was such a blessing to be able to spend time with family and friends over the holiday season. However, I am enjoying being back on a somewhat "normal" schedule (hahaha! Well... as normal as possible right now).

Currently, I am still working at my sending church during the week and traveling on the weekends. At Massillon Baptist College, I am continuing to work as the ladies' dorm supervisor; and it is so nice to have the students back in the dorm after a quiet Christmas break. I am also still teaching two classes in the college: Sign Language, and Introduction to Computers & Keyboarding. I am thoroughly enjoying teaching these classes; in fact, this is my third year teaching in the college.

One of the biggest blessings in teaching, especially my Sign Language class, is to see my students truly learning and beginning to use the things that they are being taught. I have three ladies in my class that have begun helping interpret the church services on Sunday morning at MBT. It thrills my heart beyond measure to see my students' faces light-up when they learn new signs or grasp a new concept. It makes my heart yearn for the day that I will be able to teach Sign Language in South Africa. My goal remains the same to, Lord willing, be on the field January of 2024; and God has been so very faithful during these first few months of my "deputation trail." He has now brought my support to 36%, and I know He will continue to provide!

Although the last couple of months have been fairly slow as far as my meeting schedule is concerned, I have not been lacking plenty of things to do. Along with working at MBT and teaching, I have of course still been taking time to contact churches to schedule meetings. The Lord has already put several meetings on my schedule this spring as well as few missions conferences for this fall. I am trusting Him to give me the meetings that He wants me to have. He is always SO good to me! I want to thank each of you for your continual prayers for me and for South Africa.

Praises: At Camp Rhino this year <u>61</u> young people accepted Christ as their personal Saviour!

Safety while traveling (I've had a few close calls with deer recently)

Ashley Taylor - Psalm 118:24

(some of my Sign Language students)

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