

finding joy...

Habakkuk 3: 18-19

I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my saviour. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.

Habakkuk trusted in and waited on God. He had learnt the lesson of faith, that even if God should send suffering and loss, he could still rejoice in God, his saviour.

I, Richard, believe that God is challenging us all to be Christians full of joy – a joy that stays with us, that does not disappear through strife and storms. The deep, quiet, settled joy that is more akin to peace. Knowing that God is control and loves you no matter what.

I am so grateful for all of you who have walked with, prayed for and supported us in our journey. Firstly, just with me as I stepped out of the boat to come to South Africa and then with my beautiful princess Lindsey and our two wonderful boys. You have joined us through the celebrations and the hard times. You have encouraged, inspired and helped us to keep walking joyfully in our Lord. Thank you so much!



jonathan - "yaweh has given"

- We give praise for Jonathan who turned 1 in July. It was lovely to celebrate with family and friends. He is growing fast and is such a beautiful and fun little guy. He has just learned to walk and he loves listening to music and dancing with Andrew.



To be honest it has been a struggle to be joyful lately. While our boys are a constant blessing and joy, life seems to have been pulling Lindsey and I down.

My beautiful wife Lindsey has once again struggled with depression. She has been on herbal supplements for depression for a few months which are working well, along with counselling. After a couple of months where she felt quite hopeless we praise the Lord that joy, peace and hope are once again her portion.

As most of you are aware, WEC is a faith mission and we are not paid to serve in WEC. Our family lives on the generous gifts that come from you our supporters. The cost of living has increased to a point where our monthly support cannot cover it. Please pray for us as we need an urgent increase in our support to be able to continue to stay in South Africa into the future.

I have been struggling with my health over the past two months, to the point that I have not been able to work. I have had a sinus op due to chronic sinusitis, however three weeks later I am still in sever pain and on treatment for a second acute infection. Please pray for wisdom about next steps to take in this regard. We have spent about R18000 (\$2000) just on my health in this time. My iron count has also been extremely low, but has come right with iron IVs.

Unfortunately I had to pull out of all but one subject for the second semester. This means that my studies will not be completed until the end of 2016. This is quite frustrating.

We are excited to be coming to Australia from 5 Dec 2015 to 16 June 2016 to fulfil the requirements of the Government student loan for my studies and to spend time with family, friends and visit supporting churches.

Please pray that things will come together in regards to Australia. There are a number of things that need to be done prior to our leaving South Africa. They include completing the process for Jonathan's Australian passport, a visa for Lindsey and her international drivers licence, sorting and packing up things for storage.

We also need some things for our time in Australia that include a vehicle, booster seat for Andrew, a high chair and a double stroller if possible.

As you can see we need lots of prayer as a family. However, in finishing I want to mention some joys that we have experienced lately.

Andrew has been going to OT for some sensory issues and he is a lot more confident.

We had a blessed few days of holiday at the coast in May. The weather was beautiful and the boys loved the beach!

I had a good time at the WEC Conference in Mozambique in June, hearing about the work there and joining in some great times of fellowship.

We have had some good, challenging and honest times of meeting as the WEC Leadership Committee in South Africa. Going to Durban for the meetings has also meant great times of fellowship with our Leaders and good friends the Campbell's.

I have been able to preach a few times at a local church. If you would like to hear the sermons you can check out this website <http://www.benonipresbyterian.org.za> and go to the bottom of the page for Communications with the Audio Sermons.

Lindsey has lead a Bible storytelling training at a local church, over the course of a month.

Please see attached a great article that Lindsey wrote for a WEC related newsletter.

Richard got through his first semester of studies and received two distinctions and a credit.

Thank you for your love, care, prayers and support.

Richard, Lindsey, Andrew and Jonathan

