

Tracy:

The email below is from Barbara Myers telling of updates and events for the Swazi Team. She and her husband Wayne have been missionaries to Swaziland Africa for the past 14 years. Although the Myers will not be in the same region of Swaziland as Truman, Becky, Samantha and Trey, they will coordinate language training, Swazi Team events, and act as sort of a mentor for the Oakleys upon their arrival in Swaziland in October.

The Myers have been in the U.S. for the last 3 months for their stateside assignment. Our family was fortunate to meet and visit with them over dinner a few weeks ago. They answered many of our questions re: Swaziland and it was nice to get the perspective of someone that has actually experienced Swazi life for sometime.

Mrs. Myers also sends a monthly prayer calender requesting specific prayers for each day which is attached. I hope you will print the calendar and pray for the missionaries currently working in Swaziland and for the Oakleys as they prepare for their assignment.

Thanks for your prayers
Tammie Harp

From: Barbara Myers [mailto:swazibam@shelbywireless.net]
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2007 8:58 AM
To: Shirley Carpenter (swc@shelbywireless.net)
Subject: Weekly prayer letter...

An old woman with an halo of silvered hair-the hot tears flowing down her furrowed cheeks-her worn hands busy over a wash-board in a room of poverty-praying-for her son John-John who ran away from home in his teens to become a sailor-John, of whom it was now reported that he had become a very wicked man-praying, praying always, that her son might be a service to God. *What a marvelous subject for an artist's brush!* The mother believed two things, the power of prayer and the reformation of her son. So while she scrubbed she continued to pray. God answered the prayer by working a miracle in the heart of *John Newton*. The black stains of sin were washed white in the blood of the Lamb. *"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow."* The wash-tub prayers were heard as are all prayers when asked in His name. John Newton, the drunken sailor, became John Newton, the sailor-preacher. (From the book, [Springs in the Valley](#) by Mrs. Charles W. Cowan) What a wonderful story, BUT this is not the end of the story of John Newton. In next week's prayer letter will be the conclusion of this remarkable testimony.

We continue to praise the Lord for receiving our medical clearance this week. Friday via Fed-Ex we received our airline tickets. We leave Thursday (30th of August) for Swaziland (a direct flight from Atlanta). We will arrive in Jo'burg on the 31st of August. Thanks to each of you who prayed for us during our period of waiting and wondering concerning Wayne's decreasing hemoglobin. We appreciate you!! ☺

Please discontinue using our stateside postal and email addresses. Please begin using this email address: Wayne: swazisl@africaonline.co.sz and Barbara: swazibam@africaonline.co.sz

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Thank you also for praying for the 2007 Southeastern Africa Cluster Spiritual Retreat (August 23-27). Your prayer support was definitely needed and felt when Ed Cox from the IMB Prayer Strategy Office found his flight cancelled from Dakar, Senegal after the plane stopped to refuel. He finally made it to the retreat center at 7:30pm Thursday, tired but glad to be in South Africa!!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

-This week we will be busy packing and sorting in preparation for our departure and crating. Wednesday the shipping company will collect what we intend to crate and take it to the shipping warehouse. **Pray everything will fall into place as we prepare to leave. Pray for our families as we say good-bye for two years.** Our next scheduled stateside assignment is October 2009/January 2010.

-This week two of the Swazi Team members celebrate birthdays ☺. **Please pray Truman Oakley (30th of August) and Kimber Ringler's (August 31st) special day will indeed be special and full of wonderful blessings.**

-August 30-September 2 is the annual Swazi Baptist National Youth Camp at the Ngwane Park High School. The theme of the camp is "Running Towards the Goal" and a volunteer team from North Carolina is leading. With the increase bus fares, **pray many Swazi youth will be able to attend this time of discipleship. Pray the youth will come with open hearts and ears to fully understand what God wants to teach each one of them.**

-**Pray for the volunteer team from the First Baptist Church, Washington, NC leading the National Youth Camp as well as different ministry opportunities in the Hhohho Region following the camp.** These ministry opportunities include, conducting revival services, leading Bible studies at a new work area in Nkhamba, weekly Bible studies at Hawane, and visiting the government hospital. **Pray for Jimmy, Stan, Julie, Peggy and Jack as they minister to the Swazis.**

-Earlier this year the South Roanoke Baptist Association (North Carolina) began a partnership with the Swazi Team to evangelize the northeast section of the country. Several volunteer teams are planning to come in 2008 to lead in hut-to-hut visitation, conduct Bible studies, lead pastor/leader training, prayer walk as well as AIDS ministries. A volunteer coordinator to handle logistics for these teams is needed. **Pray the Lord will provide the missionary couple or missionary to lead this important ministry. Pray the Lord will bless the evangelistic efforts of those who come to the northeast section of Swaziland to help lead many Swazis to the Lord.**

AIDS UPDATE:

In a recent survey of people tested for HIV, the Hhohho region had the highest rate of infection with 29 percent, Lubumbo was second with 26 percent, Manzini with 25 percent and the Shiselweni region was last with 23 percent. 32 percent of the urban population tested positive while only 24 percent tested positive in the rural areas. **Continue to pray for the people of Swaziland to understand the danger of sexual contact with multiple partners. Pray for a change in lifestyles that reflect Godly living.**

PRAYING FOR OUR TROOPS:

Give thanks and praise to God for the incredible work of our brave military men and women around the world. Last week, U.S. troops assisted earthquake victims in Peru, helped flood

victims and removed debris from the bridge collapse of Minnesota, made emergency preparations in Texas in advance of Hurricane Dean's arrival and offered medical aid in Ecuador. All this in addition to making progress in Iraq and Afghanistan. Pray for God's powerful protection and strength for each one, giving thanks for their sacrifices which make our liberty and privilege possible. www.presidentialprayerteam.org

SPECIAL PRAYER FOCUS:

The Hindu Indians began arriving in South Africa in 1860. They came first as indentured laborers. Later as the number of Indians grew in South Africa, other Hindu and Muslim Indians came as traders. Of the 152,184 Indian immigrants brought to South Africa between 1860 and 1911 the vast majority were Hindus. Currently there are 527,353 Hindus in South Africa. For many years these Hindu Indians were very resistant to the Christian faith. Even though in the last 40 years great strides have been made in evangelizing the Indian population, the Hindu Indians of South are still considered less than one percent responsive to the gospel. Currently there is one missionary unit working with this people group. Since much of the evangelization of the Hindus is one-on-one contact, **pray missionaries working with the Hindu of South Africa will have a chance to befriend and share the gospel with many. Pray for evangelization of the Hindu Indians of South Africa.**

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Thank you for your prayer support,
Wayne and Barbara Myers, missionaries with the Swazi Team

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