

# South Africa / Suïd Afrika



Pray for Ron & Ginger Naugle

Zulu / Xhosa / Sotho / Tswana / Pedi

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for praying for us! The surgery went well after being postponed for a week, due to an emergency at the hospital requiring our surgeon and the allotted three hours in the operating room. Dr. Schmidt and his colleagues did a great job, and it is easy to see why veterans come from all over the country to see him. We are grateful to his staff for giving us priority status and we have been told that they will do the other knee just as soon as I am on my feet again. The three days in the hospital went pretty well! I was up on the first day and threw-up at the nurse's station. My roommate was a marine sergeant who became a good friend. One of the young nurses spent a lot of time in our room and allowed me to give a testimony of our life in Africa and God's plan of salvation. My roommate spoke up through the curtains and said that he and his wife were Christians and appreciated my clear presentation of the gospel. The curtains remained open from that point on and we had great military comradery and Christian fellowship. Our nurse told us that she was a 'floater' and would not be on our floor for the rest of the week. She planned on wheeling me down to a veterans affairs 'smoked hotdog' cookout, located in one of the hospital courtyards, and was disappointed to learn that a volunteer took me down earlier that day. My catheter bag, drainage pump, IV tubing, multiple bandages from drawing blood, surgical dressings, compression stockings on both legs, and a cool hat guaranteed a lot of special attention at the cookout. On the third day Glenn was discharged and they brought in a young army guy with drug addictions who got hold of some drugs to inject in the middle of the night. He went nuts and was bouncing off the walls, riffling through drawers, making weird noises, turning the lights off and on and slamming doors. Sure missed the nurse from day one! Her replacements were terrible. The staff avoided our room because of the addict, and therefore did without sleep, meals, needed help, and meds on the last day. Special thanks to our pastor, preacher friends, church folk, and family members who encouraged us to follow through with the surgery. Thanks also to our son Nate for driving to the hospital and staying the entire day, and returning for the trip back home. Also to his wife Mary Elizabeth and the five boys for taking us to the hospital for an appointment and to the physical therapist three times a week. Nate organized the physical therapy through the University of Tennessee Medical Center. Doctor's orders include a six-week driving ban. Also, thanks to our daughter Rachel for coming from Virginia with her family to help care for me during the first ten days at home. They cooked, mowed the grass, repaired stuff, and ran the errands. Good to see Doug and our other grandson and granddaughter. Very proud of our kids and their families.

We are constantly being presented with new challenges to life. At least four members of my family are in poor health and my sister is not responding well to cancer treatments. Do continue to pray! We have not seen family in Oklahoma since arriving back in the states and plan to visit when finances and health will allow. We feel that we should not delay and will put this plan in motion very soon.

We are continuing to press forward by faith with the securing of visas for our return to South Africa. You may recall that religious workers are only allowed into the country on volunteer visas and there is a long list of compliance documents that must be secured. We have already ran into a roadblock with one of these forms and have detoured to an alternative source. There are multiple hurdles to get over and we will keep you posted as things develop further.

Appreciate our praying partners in World Evangelism!

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