



Seth & Kaitlin Folkers

MOBILE BIBLE INSTITUTE MINISTRY IN AFRICA

Dear partners in prayer,

Jan - Feb. 2017

We are back to winter here in SD! As I write, Kaitlin and I are driving back to her dad's house in Hoven in the midst of a blizzard. Our meeting for today was canceled, but the conditions improved enough for us to venture out onto the roads. You may be thinking, "That's why missionaries don't schedule meetings in SD in the winter!" But we do thank the Lord for a number of good meetings in the last six weeks, with only this one cancellation!

Early in January we returned to Menomonee Falls, WI for the Spiritual Awakening conference at BCM, and I took a class on Baptist Polity for seminary credit. My mom and siblings had recently moved there, so we also spent some time helping them get settled. Then we hit the road again to truly begin "full-time" deputation. We were able to visit Point Baptist Church in Mineral Point, WI, pastored by a seminary classmate, on our way to SD, where we spent the last seven weeks presenting our ministry in Elk Point, Mitchell, Aberdeen, Watertown, Dupree, Faulkton and Clark, SD, and Mandan, ND. In between, Kaitlin and I enjoyed taking part in our first two Valentine's Banquets together, at both of our home churches. :) At the end of February we also traveled with Ken Schultz, our pastor, back to Menomonee Falls for the Victory Conference, and got to present at Riverview Baptist near Green Bay, pastored by a friend whom my Grandpa disciplined as a teenager.

Kaitlin and I really have enjoyed being in each church, connecting with old friends and meeting new ones. I've begun to understand how missionaries can speak of praying regularly for each supporting church (in the past I confess I doubted their sincerity), as we've become deeply burdened to pray for each ministry we visit, rejoicing in what the Lord is doing in their midst and desiring to see them faithfully advance. As we crisscross SD, I've also become burdened by the need for more churches and more extensive outreach here in my home state, even while the Lord is leading us to Africa. But we certainly can and do pray for laborers! We also are seeking to do our part while we're here. The Lord has given us a number of opportunities for personal witness with the lost along the way, and we appreciate your prayer for effectiveness in that regard.

We have been so blessed along the way by the generosity of God's people, as some extraordinarily bountiful love offerings have enabled us to pay nearly all of the midwife costs for the birth of our child, besides meeting our travel needs. We also appreciate several who have opened their homes to us for extended periods of time, and have been *so* hospitable.

We're thankful for a few new supporters: the Weimer family and their church in Germany, who have supported Kaitlin all along, decided to continue and even increase their support! My Uncle Warren and Aunt Lois, and my good friend Lucas Chouinard and his wife Shelly have also taken us on. We thank the Lord for each one, and I do believe that as we sow He'll allow us to begin reaping more and more. Currently we have just about \$300/month support, which is 15% of our December goal. The Lord has also filled our schedule completely full up to the middle of May!

We're excited about our new website: folkersfamily2africa.org, created by Mark Sieler at Northern Plains Baptist Church in Aberdeen, SD! Please check it out, and you can also view his ministry website at <http://www.faith-builders.net>.

Do continue to pray for us, for the Lord's protection, empowerment and guidance along the way.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with each of you!

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