

Church Planting in
MADAGASCAR



April 2019

Dear Praying Friends,

It is such a privilege to have people pray for us as you do! There have been many reasons in the recent months that we have been in need of your prayers. Thank you for your faithfulness! One of the big reasons why we have needed your prayers has been all the packing that we have done and are doing. Amidst some traveling, we were able to pack up our house and move out at the end of February. What a big job! With five kids and living in a house for almost four years, there were a lot of memories, and stuff to sort and pack! We had many late nights getting that done.

After moving out of our house, we hit the road for TX to be at Hannah (Ruth's sister's) birth. We made it in time; and a big, healthy baby boy was born on March 6th, six days after our arrival in TX. Ruth also had the privilege of attending her sister-in-law's delivery on January 22st to Zion Noelle. Praise God for safe deliveries and His GREAT blessings!

Our packing is not done, we are still working on packing our luggage for going overseas. Please pray that we will have wisdom on what to take and what to leave behind. Fourteen pieces of luggage at 50 pounds apiece is not very much when a family is trying to pack everything that they need for the next four to five years – especially when they have to take schoolbooks for grades 1 through 10!

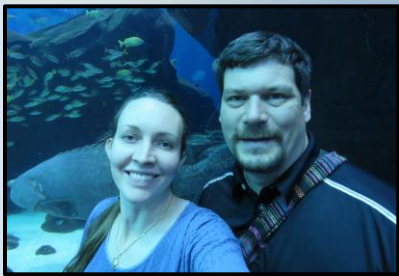
Amidst all the packing and travelling, we have not taken the time to tell our exciting news – we are expecting a baby the end of July/beginning of August! God has greatly blessed us in allowing us to parent another child. We are 25 weeks along; and so far, the pregnancy is going smoothly. Please pray for health for Ruth and the baby.

We are planning to spend time in the Ivory Coast and have the baby there with Ruth's mom who is a midwife. While in the Ivory Coast, Richard hopes to study French, which will be very beneficial for the work in Madagascar. We will be able to use the time there to transition to life in a developing country. Please pray for all of us both physically and emotionally as we leave the States and embark on a new way of living and a new adventure with the many changes that go along with it.

Please also pray for us as we go through the process of Ruth adopting the children. We are all excited as we move forward with this as we unite our family as one.

In Christ,

Richard and Ruth Jertberg
Matthew, Sarah, Nate, Abby, Kezia, and baby



Daniel Jonah Schrock
(our newest nephew)



Our 75 foot moving caravan



The kids excited to find out that we are expecting!

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