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Dear Fellow Laborers-

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Romans 12:1

This verse has been our theme the past few months, especially when we are visiting my parents. The last visit (I went on the train alone so our girls' school wouldn't be interrupted.) I finished many odd jobs they needed, such as painting, cutting grape vines, cleaning the gutters etc. I am happy to serve them and help them in this way. I pray it softens their hearts toward receiving our Lord, though my mother is still very hostile toward the Gospel. My father's health is still the same. Parkinson's is a very hard physical condition. Patients live with it for many years sometimes.

Since we last wrote to you, we traveled to three different churches. It's always a blessing to see our supporters, and hear people say they have been praying for us. God is good!! I also preached a Deaf men's conference in Ohio, and enjoyed a great time of challenge and fellowship.

We were also able to spend time with my wife's family to help them clean out their house for a move. It's always great to have the cousins get to know each other and really become friends. My father in law was able to be with us there at Easter, and that was a great time.

On the way home we were able to meet up with our friends the Nunes! We didn't know they were home on furlough and they called my wife's phone the day before we were leaving NC. Turns out, that's where they stay when they come to the States. What an unexpected blessing!

Deaf Camp 2011 in South Africa went well. The Bible College students were in charge of running the events, etc. It was great, and Bro. Chris assures me they had good motivation in their efforts. Gas prices are on the rise over there, and it was very close to \$6.00/gallon. This puts a strain on all ministry budgets. Pray for your missionaries to have good stewardship!

Bro. Chris' daughter Jennifer was in an accident recently. Jennifer was not injured, but someone hit their car and damaged it. Please pray for the insurance company to cover everything.

We've heard xenophobia (fear of another race) is on the rise in Katlehong where we minister. This has resulted in foreigners having to close down their shops. Praise the Lord our Deaf members are fine, that we know of. We don't know what this means for us as we go back, but we are praying God's protection.

We will be traveling back to my parents' home on May 21 to stay for a few weeks. Please pray for opportunities to assure them of our love by serving them in any way they need, and to show the love of Christ. We have been asking God for softened hearts, and we know many of you are praying for them as well. We cannot tell you how much we appreciate it.

It's also time to start thinking about return dates and checking ticket prices. Our girls also need their visas renewed, so if you would pray that God would give us smooth dealings in all these areas, it would be a blessing to us. Thank you for your faithfulness!!

Your Missionary to the Deaf of South Africa,

Jimmy Tsoukalas

P.S. If you have received our ministry DVD, please shoot us a line letting us know. Less than half of those I sent out have replied with a response. I want to make sure you've gotten them and our new prayer cards. Thank you!