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Striving Together in Prayer

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We are back in **Durban** now, **joyful** and **ready** to serve the Lord and the **Moeller Family**. We are very thankful for safety and endurance in the journey back. We came at a very needy time and we hope that our being here refreshes the hearts of **Brent and Sheila**, as they continue to **bravely** face their own trials back in America. They are sweet-spirited people indeed!

We also came back at a time when the country is in a kind of turmoil. Things seem to be breaking down systematically.

*“Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye **strive together with me in your prayers to God for me**; That I may be delivered from them that do not believe in Judaea; and that my service which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted of the saints; That I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, and may with you be refreshed.” (Romans 15:30-32)*

I was contemplating these verses the other day and it struck me that even the Apostle Paul felt the **urgent** need to enlist others to **pray for his ministry**. How much more ought such weaker vessels as ourselves to ask for help? I thought, “I need to plead for help in prayer like Paul did”.

I know that missions everywhere is difficult, but I wonder if many North Americans really comprehend how hard missions work in Africa can be. By Easter, we will have worked in Africa for a year and a half (3 countries) and we have tried to **sympathize** with **the joys** and **sorrows** of many, many missionaries. There are many forces at work here that **oppose** the spread of the **true Gospel** and the establishing of solid, **faithful disciples**. It is an emotional and spiritual struggle. More than anything, we want **the Word of the Lord** to prevail and be **glorified**.

As you no doubt know, the word for **‘strive’** in the text above speaks of being in **‘agony’** about it. Therefore, what I ask of you is that for a few moments you let the struggle of places far away be on your **heart**. I ask you to seek to experience just a taste of it in your mind, then **plead** to God for us. Grapple with **the need**, then ask for God to give **victory**.

Thanks for helping. That is the **best** help you can give! Your financial support is vital to keep us, and other missionaries, going, but God **supplies power to us** through your pleading.

We are aware that **you** have struggles, as do **all** of God's saints. Though we don't always know your names, **we earnestly pray for you**. May the **Spirit of God** empower us all for His service!

Love in Christ,

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