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Dear Friends,

Lumelong [Greeting All]. I pray you are well and basking in the goodness of God. I am writing to covet your prayers as a team of us will be traveling to Botshabelo, South Africa, later this week. I am excited to bring a delegation of four young high school- and college-aged women along with a couple of adults to see God at work from their perspectives. Together we will celebrate Nelson Mandela's birthday both near his home in Soweto and of course in Botshabelo where Setshabelo Family and Child Services is doing amazing work to care for the most vulnerable and place orphaned children in loving families. Our intention is to contribute to the future of Christ's church by modeling healthy mission principles, engaging in cross-cultural relationships, and looking for God in hard and beautiful places.

So here's the ask:

Prayer

For our safe travel.

For Holy Spirit encounters.

For clarification of call and purpose for all who travel with us.

For the staff who are both excited to welcome groups but also have to attend to their good work at the same time.

Pray for families left behind, that they would have peace and assurance that God is with us.

Purse

Thank you for your continuing support and partnership. I can't wait to share with you what we see, feel, and learn while on the ground in South Africa. Your support is crucial for the growth of SFCS and for my work as RCA Global Mission Liaison.

Presence

In February 2025 we will return to Belhar to engage with the Uniting Reformed Church of Southern Africa and key leaders who gave birth to the beloved Belhar Confession. Let's learn about Unity, Reconciliation, and Justice from and with siblings in Christ who have gone before us. Look for exact dates soon.

As always, I thank God for you and our partnership in the ministry from the first day until now. I'm confident of this one thing, the one who began a good work in us, in the RCA and in Botshabelo, South Africa, will be faithful to complete it until the day of our Lord.

Would you like to receive these updates digitally? Please email Kelli at kgilmore@rca.org to be added to the email list. You will receive more timely updates from the missionary you support and help us be good stewards of our resources.

Khotsong [Peace All],

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