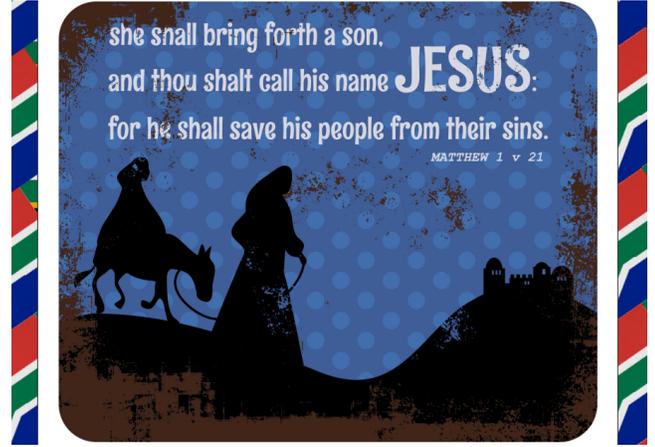




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Dear praying family and friends:

He is mighty to save:

Recently, a song has been going through our minds: "Saviour, he can move the mountains...our God is mighty to save." Like many of you we have seen a few more mountains that needed moving this year:

- Getting police checks before the Guinea elections
- Getting fingerprints done in Canada during lock-down
- Raising support in uncertain times
- Finding a sending organization to facilitate our ministry at Mukhanyo Theological College in South Africa
- Finding a place to store some of our goods as we hope to rent out our place
- Seeing the mountain of discouragement of many setbacks loom large and then getting fresh courage to keep on going.

Thank you for your prayers

The Span's mission, similar to GSC, can be described in this word-picture: "You can give a person a fish and they will eat for a day. You can teach that person how to fish and they can feed a family for a lifetime. But if you train people to teach fishing, you feed an entire region for generations." As the Spans teach future African Christian leaders at Mukhanyo Theological College, whether in person or on-line, their redemptive influence will carry through multiple regions of Africa.

Dr. Peter Schuurman, director of Global Scholars Canada

FOR THE MOMENT WE ARE STILL LIVING IN WATERDOWN, ONTARIO AT OUR TOWNHOUSE.
WE ALWAYS APPRECIATE YOUR PHONE CALLS, CARDS OR E-MAILS.

These are just a few examples and at the same time we have seen mountains that seemed humanly impossible **moved** by the hand of God:

- Five days before Guinea elections we received a scan of a complete police check---vital piece of the puzzle for our police check.
- A very kind man named Ranji persisted at his office as we went back for a third time to get our Canadian fingerprints. We are going back, as that set has now expired, but God is in control.
- We just received word from Global Scholars Canada (GSC) that your kind generosity means that we have received 71.7% of our budget, and that means that we have to raise about \$18,000 more for our support. Do pray how you might help us get closer to the goal.
- GSC has been a great God-send. If you go to their website you can see the work they do around the world and also see our web-page. Here is the link.
<http://www.globalscholarscanada.ca/john-anne-span/>
- A kind company offered to let us use a large and almost new shipping container to store some of our household effects, and another offered a place close to our house to park it during our absence. This is certainly a team effort!
- A new mountain to face: On October 15th we purchased tickets to fly to South Africa on December 28th, with a view to start teaching in the January semester. On October 18th we had a beautiful commissioning service at Bethel CRC and all looked like a sure go. On October 19th we received a note from the South African Embassy that visa applications were suspended and that Canadians, except for very special circumstances, were not allowed to enter South Africa. "What now?" we groaned. We are now in discussion with Mukhanyo Theological College as to how we can serve while in Canada. Some ideas are coaching students by phone, assembling students in a place where Zoom is possible, having Anne send a pre-made video on how to administer the English placement tests and so forth.
- Pray for creativity, stamina, and an eye on the prize for us.

Blessed Christmas John and Anne Span

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