



Rockrohr News and Notes

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Back in South Africa

Carl, Deborah and Ted returned to South Africa on August 26th when Deborah had doctor's approval to return after 4 weeks of recovery from surgery in the U.S. Though we were grateful for the hospitality of friends and family while in the U.S. (especially of Rev. John and Judy Meyer), it was good to get back to our home in Pretoria. The weather was just turning to beautiful springtime, and we needed to be back at the seminary.

Health
Deborah's strength has steadily returned during September. She carefully watched her activities the first few weeks back and now feels much stronger. A slight infection is currently bothering her, but we pray new medication will help her and she is under doctor's care here in South Africa. Carl experienced some weeks of digestive problems and a 24 hour flu, but he is on the mend now. Ted is a very healthy teen-ager with plenty of exercise in



Field Hockey and he will again be playing Cricket later in October.

Seminary Work
We are thankful for Mrs. Karin Niebuhr who taught Deborah's "Deaconess Foundations" course for five weeks while we were in the U.S. Deborah not only returned to teaching the course, but teaching the course in a new location! The seminary just purchased an additional building adjacent to the campus for a deaconess student residence. In addition to bedrooms and kitchen facilities, the building has a very nice classroom area which is now the regular teaching area for

Deborah and deaconess students in classroom in new deaconess student residence

her deaconess courses.

While in the U.S. taking care of Deborah during her recovery in August, Carl was also teaching three courses at the seminary. He sent written lecture notes and audio recordings of lectures to the students via the internet. He is glad to again be "live" in class with his students.

Upcoming Activities
Seminary classes and finals end November 22nd. We can hardly believe we are only 1½ months away from completing our first year



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Thank You

Thanks so much to all who continue to support our work with prayer and financial gifts. We could not do the Lord's work in South Africa without your loving support.

More Information about the Seminary

Please see the seminary's website and newsletters at www.lts.org.za

Important: Forward our newsletter

It is critical that we continue to broaden our base of supporters. Please consider sharing our newsletter and website with someone you think would be interested in our work.

of teaching in South Africa. Besides our immediate teaching responsibilities for the close of the year there are a number of events and issues we are addressing in the rest of 2012. Some of these are beautiful and good things, some are challenges. We ask for your prayers that we have the wisdom and insight to live and serve through both joyful and challenging situations.

- Our eldest son, Paul, will be getting married to Stacy Menzer on December 16th. We will be in the U.S. for 10 days for the wedding. We pray the Lord's blessings on Stacy and Paul and a good start to their marriage.

- Our youngest son, Ted, who is with us in South

Africa will graduate from 7th grade in December. On January 14th he will start 8th grade at Hilton College, a boarding high school about 6 hours drive away from Pretoria. It was originally Ted's idea to attend a boarding high school (8th-12th grades in South Africa) and after much consideration, prayers and several visits to the school we are convinced this will be a very good situation for him. It also means Mom and Dad will have no children living at home after 25 years. We pray for a great transition for all of us.

- The seminary has a number of challenges in the coming weeks and months that need the Lord's blessings and guidance. Security on

campus has been somewhat problematic as there have been a number of thefts the last few months. We pray for safety and wise solutions. Wisdom is also needed as the seminary's academic program is in transition. For a variety of reasons the teaching of University of Pretoria courses at the seminary, in which Carl has been heavily involved, is not working as well as hoped and there needs to be significant revision of the seminary's courses. We pray for the Lord's guidance in planning for the next academic year.

- We pray for Deborah's continued recovery. She has had significant return of strength, but some continuing minor complications. We ask the Lord to bring total healing to her.

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Funding Update

Carl and Deborah are "Network Supported Missionaries" of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. This means that our budget of salaries, benefits, program costs, etc. all have to be raised through direct donations from supporters. Thanks to many donors small and large, considering all gifts

and pledges to date, our budget is very close to being in the black at this date. We thank God for your support!

But being in the black is only for the time being. We continually need new supporters as well as on-going support. If you have never supported our work in South Africa, or have

not given recently, please consider supporting our pastoral and deaconess training ministry at Lutheran Theological Seminary. See details on how to give support to us in the column just left of this article.

God's blessings on your family and service to Him!
Carl and Deborah