

Levendal family winter update



So much has happened since our last news it is hard to know where to begin! We are coming up to the 3-month mark since we started one of the strictest lockdowns in the world (we were not able to go outside to exercise for the first 5 weeks). Things are slowly starting to open up now, especially in terms of getting the economy

running again but we remain unable to socialize or travel. The extreme measures our government took to slow the spread of covid19 have had a massive impact on our already struggling economy (unemployment was at 30% before this but now it stands to rise much higher). There has been a mass effort to get food parcels and relief to those who most need it.

Ministry in lockdown

The only ministry that we have been able to continue throughout this time has is our prophetic ministry (we just do it online) all of other ministry has ceased, but thankfully we can still meet online over zoom. We had to cancel the discipleship training school that we were running and send all the students home. There hasn't been any income coming in, our costs are normally covered by the schools we run and the outreach teams we host. We have seen God still providing during this time, so even when we can't work for it, God can still provide! It teaches us to stop looking at other things for our provision as we are fully dependent on Him.

The base is going to be used as a homeless shelter

We have been approached by an NGO to use our property (which has been sat empty) for the next 3 months to house homeless people. We won't charge any rent, as this is our way of serving the community, but they will cover the municipality bills for us in this time. This will be entirely run by the NGO without our involvement other than providing our property for them to use.

The Hub



Just before lockdown we started renting an additional new space called the hub (specifically a classroom and spacious office). It is a perfect location, just a few minutes walk from the base & right in the middle of the town center. We have been praying and looking for a space like this for years! The base is only suitable for accommodation. We are

sure that God has opened this up for us, even though the timing might not make sense to us! We didn't know we weren't going to be able to use it and that we lose all our income when we signed the contract! Yet we still feel God is in this and we are so excited for what we can do from this incredible new space! Should you feel led to give towards our monthly cost of running the hub is R3200 (£150).

It has been a time to really seek God again.

We have been spending more time intentionally pursuing God. As a base we have been spending time in prayer & fasting (setting aside the things that have been taking up our time and affections). God has done (and continues to do) such a deep work in our hearts, making us hungry for Him again. He has been calling his bride to return to their first love again!

We have been busy re-defining who we are as a ministry.

We have gained a lot of revelation during this time and are looking at things from a totally fresh perspective. Some things we do will be pruned as we have been re-evaluating what is bearing fruit and what isn't. Earlier this year we felt God said we needed to streamline and that's exactly what we are doing. We are very excited to share the new perspectives and vision that God has been laying on our hearts and in the coming months we will be do so!

Family



Schools remain closed (for our boys age group at least). The kids overall have done amazingly well in this time. It's not always been easy and we have had our bad days, but to see how much they have grown having so much quality time with us has been lovely. We celebrated Flo's 1st birthday in April and in 2 weeks Judah will be turning 6!

Work on our home

Around 18 months ago we had the privilege of purchasing our first family home. Although it is needing a lot of fixing up it's our home and we love it! Without a paycheck we do not qualify for a home loan so that isn't an option for us. Therefore we share in case you feel led to support us in this way. Last year our boundary wall fell down and thanks to people's generosity we raised the money to get it fixed. The 2 things we hope to do in the house next are:

- **Roof** (leaks when it rains). Cost £300 pounds.
- **Carpet** (it's very old and worn) Cost £300 pounds.

Katies visa situation

Katie applied for her permanent residency 19 months ago and we are still waiting to hear back. Please pray with us for it to come soon! If it doesn't, we will have to extend her spousal visa (which runs out starts of September). This is a costly and time-consuming process that we can avoid if her residency comes through soon!

Thank you so much for all your support, prayer and showing interest in the journey we are on in what we feel God has called us to do. We feel so blessed,
love Vernel, Katie, Judah, Zach & Flo xxxx

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