

## **AN ARP MISSIONARY PRAYER LETTER**

**JUNE 2008**

Dear Family and Friends,

As is our general habit, we begin this letter with an apology for the infrequency of our written correspondence. Again, we do send out emails more regularly, and if you would like to receive this, please email us at [david\\_galletta@yahoo.com](mailto:david_galletta@yahoo.com).

Our biggest update is that Amy just graduated from Shannon Forest Christian School last Friday! She plans to attend Savannah College of Art and Design this fall, studying Computer Animation. She has received a partial academic scholarship which will be of great help. We are all very proud of her. By the way, earlier that day she finally got her driver's license—so it was quite a day for her. Annelies' parents came all the way from Switzerland to help us celebrate, but my mother couldn't make it. As most of you know, my father died in March and my mother is now a bit reluctant to take any trips by herself.



School ends for Esther (10<sup>th</sup> grade) and Linnea (6<sup>th</sup>) this week as well, so we have been working to try to find enough for them to do this summer. Linnea will attend a couple of camps and be involved in sports. Esther will be volunteering at the hospital again this year. It will be nice to have another driver to help us with the taxiing around. Esther will probably get her license in September.

Annelies is getting very busy. She has gotten part-time work with an international relocation company, tutoring students in English. She currently has four students. She is also teaching one class at the community college twice per week.



And I am keeping very busy with my ministry. I just returned from a 4-week trip to South Africa where I taught 2 classes at Mukhanyo Theological College while also mentoring a junior professor. Additionally, I preached four times and spoke at a youth conference in Pretoria (the capital city). The courses went well (quite a task to prepare) and I came back more in love with the students, the college, and my work. I so much enjoy what I am doing, and believe it is making a difference in the lives of these

men who are either currently pastoring or training to be pastors. Mukhanyo offers these men a quality theological education for which they would otherwise not qualify (education level) or be able to pay. Certainly this is how the Church will be built up in Africa, and many of you are helping us to make that happen!

My PhD studies do continue, though they often get pushed to the back burner as a course approaches. I expect to be taking 3 major trips this year, returning to South Africa in August. I have also spoken at a number of missions conferences earlier this year which required me to write several talks. It was good for me to do this and remain quite willing to come speak at your church as schedule permits.

For prayer:

- Praise for Amy's completion of high school and her admission and scholarship to her #1 college choice.
- Thanksgiving that Annelies is finally finding work teaching English as a 2<sup>nd</sup> language.
- Praise for my recent ministry trip to South Africa. The work was so rewarding!
- That we have a full summer with times of rest as well. We are hoping to get to the SC shore for a few days as well as visit our good friends at Church of the Atonement in Maryland.
- For a good transition (for all of us!) as Amy moves on to college. We are going to miss her terribly.
- For readiness to teach my next assigned courses this fall.
- For significant progress in my PhD studies.

Your co-servants of Christ,

The Galletta Family