

The Haas Haus

Out of Africa. Traveling to over a dozen states in nine months to meet with churches & friends. Such is the life of missionaries raising support for an exciting new global role.

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Our story so far...

December 10 we landed in St. Louis to pick up our van and drive to Chicago. We spent the next three days on a DIY marriage retreat in the Windy City provided by a supporting church. (We pray great blessings on East Cooper Baptist Church for their generosity!)



Next we drove to Grand Rapids, Michigan, to be with Holly's parents. December 20 we celebrated Holly's 40th birthday. Four more of the Beech family joined us by Christmas.



On the 26th, we drove to Maryland to have a second Christmas with Andrew's family. We stayed through New Year's and were able to remain there till the morning of January 5. That's when we drove down to North Carolina and checked into a room at the TWR Lodge behind the headquarters office building.

We had prayed over our container in South Africa but were amazed at how ahead of schedule it arrived on this side of the Atlantic and cleared customs. January 6 it was unloaded into a self-storage unit where we again leave our belongings in God's hands until we finish furlough.



As we knew ahead of time, we're finding life in the USA requires relearning how to live – pumping our own gas, looking out for coupons and sales at stores, adjusting to what is a good deal, etc.

As we travel the USA in 2016, we're spending time in three main locations. **February till early May we'll be based in Charleston** with three visits to Greenville once a month lasting about a week:

- Feb 13-21
- March 7-13
- April TBA (probably the last week of the month)

Also in April we'd like to visit friends and churches in Georgia. Please email us or send a message via Facebook (see contact info on the 2nd page).

Moving to **Maryland mid-May through July**, we'll get to the surrounding states (Delaware, Virginia, Pennsylvania) as well as pass through Boston on our way to Maine in July for a week.

In August and September, we'll be in Grand Rapids, with visits to Michigan's upper peninsula (a.k.a. "the U.P.") as well as Indiana (Fort Wayne and hopefully Lafayette.)

Equipment Fund

As we share our ministry across a dozen states, we believe God will bring in new/increased monthly support (we need nearly double what it took to be based in Africa.)

Through September we also have the ability to receive donations into our Equipment Fund. If you want to give a special gift this year, please label it "Haas Equipment Fund" so we can cover travel expenses and save up enough to buy a vehicle. We know our Heavenly Father does amazing things as we saw the Transfer Fund mentioned late last year fully funded in about a month!

Prayer Requests

First and foremost, please remember the men, women and children TWR reaches across 160 countries in 230 languages.

Secondly, we are trusting God to see an increase of \$3,500 per month in the next eight months so we can report on schedule to TWR headquarters in Cary, North Carolina, by October 1.

Third, we need God's help in adjusting to reverse culture shock... reentry will take time. America has changed a lot in the last decade and so have we. Whenever someone asks, "Aren't you glad to be home?" we answer, "Home is back in South Africa... that's where we feel most comfortable living now, not the USA."

An Arabic Listener to TWR360.org writes:

I love and listen to this program regularly. And only through this program have I been able to understand the Bible! Because of ISIL (I'm from Mosul, Iraq), we were forced from our homes, where ISIL stole everything!

Righteous Ride!

We are thankful another TWR missionary tipped us off to a ministry based in St. Louis called Righteous Rides. Three years ago we visited their website (righteousrides.org), placed a reservation and are so glad we did. Until God provides a car to purchase, this is a reliable vehicle with plenty of luggage room to travel from state to state.



RR specializes in leasing minivans to missionaries on furlough. For a low (subsidized) monthly payment, we're driving a 2005 Chrysler with cruise control and other nice extras through the end of September. Included in our monthly lease fee are insurance and mechanical repairs (Lord willing, we won't need either.) We sincerely pray God's blessings on the men and women of Righteous Rides for the hard work they do supporting missionaries between field assignments.

Grateful for your prayerful support,

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