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Dear Family, Friends, & Partners,

Compliments of the season and Happy 2024 to you and your families! As the season of "open doors" begins, we are confident that God has great things in store for all of you. He promised to the faithful church of Philadelphia in Revelations 3, "Behold, I have set before you an open door". As you walk through those open doors this year, we pray your hearts are ready for the new things He wants to do in you, and through you. May you also have the capacity to let go of the things in your hands He needs you to release so you can receive the good things He has for you this year.

RF Leadership Retreat

Each year our leadership team and their families head out of town for a couple of days to seek the Lord for what He is saying regarding the year ahead. Our team spends time in prayer, meditation, and sharing what we feel the Lord is leading us towards in the next season. At the conclusion of that the team took turns sharing in the Sunday service the specifics of what we felt God saying to kick off the new year for the church.



Interestingly, we felt like many families we know are coming out of a heavy year and one of the words that came to our hearts was "Travel Light". God gave us a picture of our family on airport day with our countless suitcases and bags to keep track of, some of it for us, some for other people, and some just in case we need it. Just like all that luggage, which makes traveling cumbersome, many of us are traveling through life carrying so much excess baggage that it's weighing us down. All of us carry burdens like unforgiveness, or anxiety, or depression, or health challenges, or financial stress, or worries & concerns for a friend or loved one. In Peter, we are instructed to "cast all our burdens on Him because he cares for us". The word "cast" is an action word, a verb, something we have to make the choice to do. We have to make the choice to give our burdens to Him, to travel light. We have to choose to release our unforgiveness or our anxiety. We have to choose to trust Him with our children, our finances, and our businesses. If we do this Matthew tells us His "yoke is easy and His

burden is light." By choosing to release our excess baggage, we can experience His desire for us to 'travel light' into 2024.



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Moses Basket

Many of you know we have had a precious baby girl since December 2022, who was abandoned in the NICU of the hospital we've been working on. Last week marked the one year anniversary of her being admitted into the hospital for a long 8 week stay while she battled for her little life and waited for surgery. Looking back on the nightmare of that fight for her life a year ago, we are in awe of Gods faithfulness that carried us through. Sweet baby girl, slowly but surely, is fighting to catch up and we are amazed by the Lord's miracle working power that has brought her from where she was to the laughing cooing bundle of joy she is now.



To read more about her story, click the link: <u>www.renewalmin.org/a-moses-basket-story</u>

Pari Hospital Project

We are so close to finishing up the new kangaroo unit at the maternity ward. The final stage for us in the project is installing sinks and countertops. Thank you for your prayers and support that have made this project possible!



Homeschool Club

The new school year has kicked off and is in full swing here in Zim. Homeschool club's start last week was not exempt from all the Back-to-School excitement! We have about 120 kids this year, ages 0-17, taking part in club every Friday during the school term. Quite a few new families have joined us this year and they're excited about the opportunities & connections club provides. The library now offers over 3,000 books for club members, and in addition to the morning core classes, kids can join electives with various service providers all in one location. In the afternoons, club is offering athletics track & field sports for the younger and older age groups, and HSC will host the 3rd annual Zimbabwe Homeschool Track & Field Sports Day the end of March.







As your 2024 kicks off, we pray that this is a breakthrough year for you and your families. May you be filled with His grace to cast all your burdens on Him.

We expect that you will see breakthroughs that you have been waiting for, and answers to prayers repeatedly prayed. May Psalm 84 be your anthem this year... "blessed are those who dwell in your house... blessed are those whose strength is in your, whose hearts are set on our God."

David and Amy & Family



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