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Remembering

In September the leadership at Crossroads Community of Christ did something very exciting! But before we tell you, we would like to remind you that in 2011 the Ishlers traveled from Kenya to Durban, South Africa. The kids were three, five, and seven years old. In 2012 we started ministering alongside Pastor Dennis Nkosi. The people of Crossroads have been meeting every Sunday in a community hall for over 20 years. This has been a challenge with moving the sound equipment every week, not being able to gather for church functions, having Sunday school in the kitchen and storage rooms, and being kicked out when there are other meetings. Most important of all is the idea of being taken seriously as a church in the African community!

Exciting

This year God has been opening doors for us to have our own

building. On September 25th, Crossroads signed a contract to buy two homes on a great property right down the street from the hall. It is a perfect location and has great potential. We ask that you pray for God's will to be done. Buying property in Africa is a lot different than in the US. There are still a lot of hoops to jump and red tape to cut through, but we know with God all things are possible!



Hosting

On October 1st we picked up from the airport a missionary intern named Christina. She is staying with us for two months and has been a great blessing. Christina is a graduate from Appalachian Bible College. She is teaching a Sunday school class at Crossroads, assisting with praise & worship, helping at youth group, and giving keyboard lessons. It has been a few years since we have been

able to host interns and we missed it. We believe God wants us to build relationships with these college students and young couples and show them what missions is about. We pray then that God will lead them into a missionary career.

Reflecting

This November we have been reflecting a lot on where we were at this time last year. We were flooded, homeless, and physically and emotionally hurting. But God was faithful and good. He provided protection, shelter, and healing for our family through His Word, rest, and people like you. With your prayers and support, God helped us. We grew closer as a family and with the Lord. We have so much to be thankful for!

Anticipating

Coming up next month, we look forward to Darin's parents visiting us. This will be the first time for anyone from America to visit us at Christmas. In February, Kathy's dad will fly to South Africa for the first time. He has not been out of the country for many years.

Praying

Please pray for the building project
Health and safety
Unity and compassion