



Zak Pak Newsletter

February 2011

Dear Partners In Ministry,

It's our fault. The Zak kids prayed for snow, and it fell in record amounts - big, fluffy flakes by the billions falling like bleached rain in slow motion. Minnesota is a winter wonderland, and it is beautiful to view from a warm rocker or even walk through bundled properly, but not so fun to drive in. Dad and Mom Miller are still alive, allowing 8 Zaks to disrupt their calm farm lives, and we thank God for their willingness to give us a home during our long furlough.



You can see from the itinerary below that every Sunday and more are booked for meetings as we share in churches what God has done the last four years in our small part of South Africa. Lord willing, Kevin will return to teach the book of I John to Zambian church leaders in June. The family will meet him in South Africa in early July. We still have to raise our support level from 87% to 100% before departure so, if it is not met by June, Kevin will return and we will continue here in the States until 100% is reached.

One way you may be able to help us get back to South Africa is in the raising of money for our plane tickets. As you can imagine, with our Pak we have quite a few travelers to get tickets for. We could use some help! Maybe through VBT or Sunday School classes your church kids could raise money to help fly one of the Zak kids back to Africa. It will cost about \$1,000.00 for the older ones (Dad, Mom, Caleb-16, Luke-15, Cortney-13) and \$900.00 for Jacob(11) and Josiah(9), plus \$110.00 per kid for passports. There are a lot of possible variations – half a ticket / enough for a passport / etc. – whatever is achievable for your numbers. Anything given for our travel expenses should be sent directly to EBM designated for the Zak travel fund. Please let us know if you decide to take on part of this project through your Sunday School class, youth group, or Vacation Bible Time.

From Jacob:

It's been very fun playing on the farm with all the animals. There are a bunch of wild cats everywhere and sometimes we can go out and feed the cows, which is really fun. We just like helping outside in the barn and its been a really great time here playing in the snow.

School (Prior Lake Christian Academy) has been going really well. I really, really like playing on the basketball team (Eagles) because I get to go out there every once in a while – its really pretty scary, we've had some really, really close games.

I kind of like going to other churches because you get to see all the different places and you get to be with a whole bunch of other people – but the hard thing about it is staying in the car for about two or three hours. Sometimes we go out to eat – my favorite place is Subway.

I really miss all of the friends I have in Africa and I like to play with the kids that come over to our house. I really am looking forward to living in a new place with a new house and everything, but its kind of going to be hard going to a new city and church and meet a whole bunch of new friends, but its gonna be a good adventure for me.



I really think “really” is the favorite Junior High word – really! We thank God for the opportunity to be in so many churches already and the encouragement so many have given us in the ministry God has laid before us. Last month I was in South Africa connecting with many of our friends there and seeking to secure some housing for us upon our return. Please pray with us about where we should live in Polokwane since that ministry decision could be vital in opening many doors into lives. We also could use your prayers in the sale of our current property, which has been such a blessing in hosting so many teams and visitors and has been instrumental in the establishment of Kopano Baptist Church. Continue also to pray for Stallion as he pastors the church and goes to seminary, and also for Tapuwa as he prepares to go to seminary in the near future.

Minnesnowta is the place,
On farm they've somehow found the space,
For all the Zak's to settle down,
As snow-white chunks of manna mound,

On barn and house and greenish trees,
Top cold flag poles, up to your knees,
It blows in piles, closes highways,
Behind your glasses into eyeways,
Comes in doors left part ajar,
Sometimes roof is all of car,
Fences, gardens – covered, gone,
A relentless, frozen winter throng,
Will it stop? No one can know,
It seems to multiply and grow,
It keeps on coming, zillions more,
And no one's heard from Mr. Gore.



Serving the King with Gladness,

Kevin & Sarah Zakariasen

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Furlough Itinerary

March

2	Fourth Baptist	Plymouth, MN - Golden Agers
6	Family Baptist	Minneapolis, MN
9-11	Shepherd's Conference	with Pastor Groschel & Company
12-16	Fourth Baptist	Plymouth, MN – Missions Conference
18	Central Baptist Seminary	Plymouth, MN
18,19	MBA Ladies Retreat	Annandale, MN – Camp Friendship
20	Berean Baptist	Brooklyn Park, MN
25,26	Men For Christ	Watertown, WI
27	First Baptist	Preston, MN

April

3 - 5	First Baptist	Baxter, MN
10-13	Plainville Baptist	Plainville, Massachusetts
17-20	Saltwell Road Ministries	Shinns Run, West Virginia
19	Appalachian Bible College	West Virginia
24	Calvary Baptist	Mt Pleasant, Iowa
28	Schaeffer Academy	Rochester, MN

May

1	Ambassador Baptist	Shoreview, MN
8	First Baptist	Lake Benton, MN
15	Oak Grove	Golden Valley, MN
22	Southside Baptist	Sunfish, MN
29	Faith Baptist	New York

June

5	First Baptist	Silver Bay, MN
6-9	EBM Enrichment Conference	Miracle Camp & Retreat Center
16-25	Teaching I John	Zambia, Africa

