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Dearest Family and Friends,

I spoke to our lawyer yesterday and he asked me to call him on Friday to see if our permits have been approved or to give me an update on the progress of our application. Again we are praying specifically that they will not be denied or delayed and if it pleases the Lord that they would be issued earlier than expected.

The response we received by so many of you was very encouraging and I know that this past Sunday the Lord heard our prayers. A reassuring peace has come to my soul and I know it is the result of God's people praying. Please continue to pray as God brings us to mind.

We're studying the book of James with some friends on Wednesday evenings. James 1: 3-4 reads, "Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

If you've time to read on...I'll share a humorous illustration with you that the Lord used to teach me a bit about patience and cultural differences in our world. Yesterday I sprayed Round Up on some unwanted weeds around the house. In our Western society - especially we Americans - we have come to expect "on demand" and "instant everything" with "24/7" access and "guaranteed results." I'll admit that, in most respects, I like that part of "our world" and enjoy what it allows us to get done in a day. But that is almost unheard of in African culture. Here's another example:

Some years back Round Up and Spectracide added a chemical to their products that "wilts" whatever you spray within a few hours and boasts a 24 hour kill the idea being that the customer likes seeing the "immediate" results even though it still takes a few days for the plant to die out completely.

Recently, I sprayed some Round Up on some weeds and the next morning expected to see the wilt. They looked untouched and actually looked like they had grown more robust overnight. I looked at the bottle of Round Up and found that the chemical that causes the wilt was not in it then read on the label, "Round Up is SLOW ACTING and maximum results may not be achieved until TWO TO FOUR WEEKS after application."

I said WHAT??? Since when??? - Well it turns out that Monsanto in South Africa and Monsanto in America sell to two different kinds of people and people in America want immediate results whilst people in Africa expect things to happen at a different pace. I had to laugh and it was a blessing to be reminded once again that God is in control, HIS timing is always perfect, and in His faithfulness to us He is working to perfect Christ like grace and character in us. Time spent waiting is never time wasted if we are allowing Christ to work in us. Amen!! Next time - I'll pull the weeds by the roots - ha ha!!!!

Love and prayers to you all,

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