

# Love from Cape Town



December 2020

## Praise

- Give thanks for a good start to our break some time with friends in our 'social bubble'.
- Give thanks that Nathan was able to present a paper to the online Institute for Biblical Research earlier this month. He normally travels to the USA for this but it was all held online this year due to COVID. Thank you for your generous financial support that enables us to have stable internet. And thank God that Nathan's paper was well received and resulted in good engagement with international scholars.
- Thank you and thank God for the kind virtual Christmas gifts we've received (<https://www.cms.org.au/christmasgift/>). We've greatly missed the cards and parcels sent to us in previous years and are sad that the postal system is still so unreliable. Thank you for being extra generous, for sending us virtual messages and lovely photos!

## Prayer

- Please continue to pray for the COVID-19 situation. We are now in our second wave with about 10 000 new cases per day. Instead of a hard lockdown we have new restrictions like no initiation rites (adult male circumcision) and associated celebrations or 'after tears' (wake/vigil) allowed. Beaches and parks have controlled opening hours and alcohol sales are severely restricted again. Pray for God's mercy on the country.
- Pray for a safe Christmas for all our students, staff and faculty. For some this will be a sad time without family they have lost due to COVID or other reasons. Pray for rejuvenation and rest.

With love in Christ, Nathan, Diane, Shiri and Isaac

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Gift and Portia are both doing the BTh. Here they are reunited with their children (Tryphena and Gamaliel) in Zimbabwe for the summer holidays.

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