

SERVING THE LORD IN THE

CAYMAN ISLANDS



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A Disney cruise liner

They're baaaack!



DID YOU KNOW?

- *The cruise liners should initially have returned in January, then in February. After bated breath, the first ones finally made their appearance on March 21st.*
- *The Cayman government will re-assess in May how letting in the cruise liners influenced Covid cases.*
- *If there's a spike in Covid cases, they'll ban the cruise liners again until the curve is flattened again.*
- *On the days the ships are here, businesses catering to tourists are hives of activity – which is good to see!*
- *Current favorite Spanish word/phrase: "ven y bendice" – meaning "come and bless".*

Cruise ships return to Grand Cayman!

What a surprise when rounding the corner to the harbor one morning, to find a cruise liner filling up our field of vision! Those things are huge! They bring excitement to the island. Waterfront stores that had been shuttered for two years are open for business again, and little open-air markets have sprung up to peddle their

wares to rubber-necking tourists. The beaches are strewn with bodies of varying shades of pink and the waters are bobbing with snorkeled heads! Traffic has picked up, and restaurants and bars are bustling with way more activity than before.

Safe Harbour has even seen several couples join us for a Divine Service since the re-opening. All this is very exciting, and we look forward to what the next few months will hold in store for us all.



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Family Reunions and Faith like a child



Please Pray for:

- Covid cases not to spike while cruise ships bring tourists to the island
- Members who had stayed home because of Covid, to return to church
- Outreach efforts be fruitful

Give thanks for:

- The cruise ships!
- Re-opened businesses
- Our supportive church family
- The faithful few regularly attending the Divine Services

Praise God for:

- The many congregations and individuals who encourage support and pray for us and the mission.
- We thank YOU personally for all of YOUR support, prayers and encouragement. We LOVE receiving your notes and emails! They are so uplifting and encouraging!



Taking a selfie with a giraffe! We were fortunate to see a few white rhino too.

Family Reunions in South Africa

We hadn't seen our families in three years! Another sibling turned 70 and a few of our siblings recently had had major medical issues which prompted us to tackle the 14-hour trans-Atlantic flight to spend some quality time with them. Because our connecting flight from Cape Town to Durban had been canceled with all other flights fully booked for a week, we ended up renting a car and driving 17 hours, stopping in the Karoo at Heidi's brother's farm for a nap, breakfast and a shower! We spent two wonderful days with Heidi's other three brothers and their spouses on their farms in Paddock. Each one hosted us all for dinner those three nights – a recipe for good food and amazing catchup conversations! We also met our newest great-niece for the first time. We then drove 6 hours to Mahlalela, a wildlife ranch where Gerald's 5

siblings with spouses got together for a family reunion. The three days there with them were amazing! We also went on safari drives and saw much wildlife, especially giraffe and rhino. The highlight though was re-connecting with everyone and sharing many laughs. Thanks be to God for family!

Faith with a child's enthusiasm

Spoiler alert: cute story ahead!

The active toddler tugged at his mom's arm during the service one Sunday while pointing to the altar. "Not time to go up yet," his mom whispered. He stood watching the pastor, his eyes barely able to peek over the back of the chair in front of him. When the pastor rounded the altar to start the Service of the Sacrament, he whooped out, "Yay!" May each of us be as joyous as this little man to receive God's gifts from His altar!

Soli Deo Gloria



"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." Ps. 118:22-23

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