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Greetings Prayer Warriors,

Just a quick update on our visa situation.

First, thank you for all your prayers and e-mails. We received so many e-mail responses of encouragement -- we would have liked to respond to each one individually, but it would have taken us quite some time to do so. Please accept our apologies for this "global" reply.

We went to the immigration department on Monday morning. While the application has been denied, it is not "dead". There is still hope, and therefore, an opportunity to see God at work. We had a long talk (about 45 minutes) with the officer who has been working on our case, and asked her a lot of questions. We now have some more work to do in gathering some additional information and then we can send a letter asking for our application to be reconsidered.

Please continue to stand in prayer with us. We still have total peace about the whole situation -- we know that God is in control and that we will get the visas that we need. However, there is still work to be done. Pray that we would be able to get all the necessary paperwork together quickly so that we can get our visas as soon as possible. Also, once we submit the letter asking for reconsideration, our case will be assigned to a different officer and team to make a final decision. Pray that we would find favour with the new officers that are involved in our case.

Thank you all for standing with us. Your prayers, moral support and encouragement mean a lot to us.

God bless,

Stephen & Karen