The Johnsons In South Africa

Ministry Update
January - February 2020

Prayer Requests:

- People to be saved
- Safety/Health of our family
- More workers for ministry
- SRBI students
- Hope Baptist Church—to be strengthened and to grow
- Property for the Church
- Financial Needs for SRBI

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"To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death..."
Luke 1:79

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

The New Year began with a busy, yet fruitful, week long Holiday Bible School and Community Tent Revival for Hope Baptist Church. We are thankful for Evangelist Bill Smith and his family and all the work they did in heading up this great week. Throughout the month of December and January we experienced a lot of discouraging vandalism on our tent, with both straps, and the tent sides being stolen. We knew that Satan was working to discourage us before the HBS and revival, and it was encouraging to see God move in a great way. We averaged 700-800 children each day and over 100 adults and youth during the evening preaching. Throughout the week a number of older youth and adults were witnessed to multiple times, and it was a blessing to see some of them trust Christ as their Saviour. We have been given many new contacts and follow up visits from the week of meetings and we are encouraged to see new people attending on a regular basis. The church is doing well and we are continuing to see God move in the lives of people. We have begun a Tuesday evening Bible study where we are working thru the ***H.O.P.E*** addictions program. This year we were able to open it up to ladies as well as the men and have been averaging 25 people each week. This time of study and discussion has really been a help and time of growth for those who have been attending. We are excited to see how God is working in their lives and helping them to overcome the strong holds of sin and find victory. Please continue to pray for Hope Baptist Church to remain a gospel light in their community, and for God to open the door for our own property as well as safety over the tent.

January 21st we began the new year for our Bible institute as well. God has given us a good group of young people who desire to do something for God and to learn and study His Word. Please pray for all of the students enrolled this year : Bafana (3rd yr.) Anthony and Abigail (2nd yr.) Mbali, Thabiso, Sbu, Spihwe (1st yr.). God has also answered our prayer with some finances and a great price on a used mobile office building. We were able to purchase it for $7,500.00 (CDN) We are praying the Lord will supply the rest of the finances needed to renovate it into living accommodation for Marcus, who is teaching in the Bible Institute and being trained to take over as the pastor at Solid Rock Baptist Church. He and Mathapelo (former institute student) have set a wedding date of May 9th. We are encouraged as this will be the first wedding in the church and with the young people that we have worked with for many years. Pray for them as they prepare to start their life together, and also for God to give them spiritual strength to please Him in their wedding plans.

Our family is doing well. The kids are all now in school as our youngest two began Kindergarten this year. Titus is doing grade 7 and Tanner is in grade 5. I am thankful for a godly wife that is willing to take the time to homeschool as well as keep up with all the rest of life and ministry. We would like to say thank you for the many cards and letters we received for birthdays as well as Christmas. The postal service takes the label "snail mail" seriously and we are still receiving letters and cards from last year. But we do enjoy them and the kids always get excited to get things in the post. We are thankful for your love and kindness to our family. We continually thank the Lord for the wonderful pastors, churches, family and friends that support us through prayers and finances. May God continue to bless each of you as you faithfully serve Him. We love and appreciate you all. ***Thank you for keeping us in prayer!***

Gratefully Serving the Saviour,
The Johnson Family
Jeremy, Rebekah, Titus, Tanner , Tayden & Tianna