



The Johnsons In South Africa

Ministry Update January - February 2021

Prayer Requests:

- ◆ People to be saved
- ◆ Safety/Health of our family
- ◆ 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,

“Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?”

Jeremiah 32:27

It has been an eventful last couple of months. We began the year under another country-wide Covid lockdown in which we were unable to have church services, but thankfully at the beginning of February we were able to restart services again. We are still under a number of restrictions, including the amount of people that can attend, but we are grateful to be back together for services. Our theme this year is “Everyone Reach Someone”, and God has refreshed my burden to be a witness but it has also been a blessing to see the church taking up the challenge to hand out gospel tracts and see the opportunities that God gives us. Many people are continuing to return to our regular services, and we have had several visitors in attendance as well. Several people have had questions about salvation but are still not understanding, please pray for us to have wisdom as we seek to point them to Jesus.

We have begun a new year at the Bible Institute and we are privileged to have 8 students (6 young men and 2 young ladies) attending this year. It is a lot of work to teach classes and oversee their work time, but it is rewarding as we see God working in their lives. We continue to hear from those who have previously graduated, and they are all faithfully serving the Lord in different ministries. There are always a lot of extra Institute expenses at the start of the year, and we are grateful for those who sent extra finances to help with these needs.



One of the ministries that we had to stop last year due to Covid restrictions was the preaching that we do at a local trades college. While I have still had a few opportunities to preach to the staff, this week we were able to restart preaching to everyone in morning assemblies. There will be a lot of changes as the current director of the college will retire this year and we would ask you to keep this ministry in prayer. Please also pray that we will be able to soon restart ministries in the high schools.

With all of the good things that God is doing there have also been struggles. We have seen a number of people backslide into sin and we need wisdom to help restore them. Our tent has also been a constant struggle. Weekly we are dealing with vandalism, stolen pieces and poles, ropes cut, and even the top of the tent has not been spared (it currently resembles the Temple curtain in that it has been torn in twain:). While we are in the process of ordering a new tent, our prayer has been that God would show us what to do. We have looked everywhere we can for land or a building, we have contacted and asked other churches if they are interested in selling, but everywhere the answer has been no. In prayer, we have been claiming **2 Chronicles 20:12 “...neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee”**. This week God has enabled us to find a vacant piece of land that is for sale and properly zoned for a church. It is about a 20 minute walk from our current location, and it will mean adjustments for those already attending, but it is a tremendous opportunity. It is just over 2 acres of land and they are asking **\$66,000 USD**. With the purchase of the land and construction of a multi-purpose building, it would allow us to start ministries that have been desires upon our heart for years. We know that this opportunity is beyond anything that we can do, but it is not beyond what our God can do. Please pray with us, that God would supply and enable the purchase of the property and also the construction of a building. If God would lead you to help with this, funds can be sent to Harvesters Baptist Church and designated to **Hope Baptist Church building.**

We appreciate all of you very much. Thank you for upholding us in prayer.

Gratefully Serving the Saviour,

The Johnson Family

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