



The Johnsons

In

South Africa

Ministry Update

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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
- ◆ School Ministries
- ◆ Increased monthly support
- ◆ The start of an addictions ministry
- ◆ Visa Renewals

Sending Church:

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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,

"So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isaiah 55:11

In January, I began preaching a series on stewardship and how God requires that we be faithful stewards of ALL the things He gives to us: time, treasure, talents, abilities, families, church, etc. Over the past few months we have seen God doing some great things in our lives and in the ministries here in South Africa. It is refreshing to see fruit beginning to grow in the lives of many that we have been working with and to see them taking steps toward His will for their lives. *Truly God's Word will accomplish and prosper what He wills and in His timing.* All He asks of each us is to do His will and to be faithful to what He has called us to do. May we encourage you to remain faithful to our Saviour and not grow weary in our labour for Him. **Galatians 6:9** *And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.*

Hope Baptist Church is doing well, and we have had several people accept Christ as their Saviour in the past few months. Most of these are people that have recently started attending and have been saved through follow-up visits by members of the church. We have also had some people return that used to attend faithfully for years, but for various reasons stopped coming. Such is the case for a young man named Thembinkosi, and his older sister. They were some of the first children we had when we began our Bible study in 2012, they were very faithful and were growing in their Christian life. However, over time they slacked off and eventually stopped attending. It had been years since we had seen them, but the beginning of February they both showed up at church and have been coming regularly since. *Please continue to pray for Thembinkosi and his sister Thandeka and for those who have been saved recently that they would continue to grow in their new life in Christ.*

In our last update we mentioned the need to purchase a newer vehicle. Vehicles here are very expensive, a new bakkie (truck) retails for \$62,000 (CND). As we prayed and looked, God allowed us to sell our old bakkie in December, and then in late January directed us to a used but well maintained 2015 model with 125,000kms. We were able to purchase it privately for \$28,000 (CND) This has been a great blessing and we are thankful for the finances (\$5,000) that have come in so far to help with the purchase. *We are continuing to pray that God would supply at least another \$5,000 to help with this need.*

Our family is doing well, and we are thankful for the health, strength and safety that God gives to serve Him. *We have submitted our renewals for our visas as well as the application for permanent residence. We are earnestly praying that God would grant favour in the sight of the immigration officials and that our application for permanent residence would be granted as this would eliminate the need to continually renew visas and would give more stability to the ministries here.*

We pray that each of you are well and are enjoying the blessings of the Lord in your lives. We love and appreciate you and are privileged to be able to partner with you in reaching South Africa for the Lord. Thank you so much for your love, kindness, and generosity shown to us as a family. May we all remain faithful until the Lord's return.

Gratefully Serving the Saviour,

The Johnson Family

Jeremy, Rebekah,

Titus, Tanner, Tayden & Tianna

