



The Johnsons

In South Africa

Ministry Update March - May 2021

Prayer Requests:

- ◆ People to be saved
- ◆ Safety/Health of our family
- ◆ SRBI students
- ◆ Hope Baptist Church—to be strengthened and to grow
- ◆ Building for Hope Baptist 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,

"For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone." - Psalm 86:10

We rejoice to share with you of what God has been doing over the last several months. Truly we serve a great God who is able to hear and answer prayer, and time is too short to try and share all that God has done, but here are some highlights.

At Hope Baptist Church, we were able to replace the tent on Easter weekend, and it was a huge blessing. The old tent was literally torn in two! With all of the vandalism that we had been experiencing, we were nervous about putting up a new tent, but God has protected and kept it safe, and we have had no problems so far. Services are continuing well, and we are seeing attendance in our Sunday School classes and services start to increase again. We have seen several youth come to Christ, and with some easing of Covid restrictions we have been able to restart our monthly men's and ladies bible study & breakfast. This is a great outreach time and we have seen a number of visitors attend.



impossible with men is not impossible for our God. **We have signed the deed of sale this week!** It will take a few *months* for the legal process to be finalized but as we say here- TIA—this is Africa!. However, we have been given permission to clean-up the land, fence it, and move the tent while we wait for completion of paper work. Please pray for God's wisdom especially in trying to arrange for machinery to clear and level the land, fencing, and then as we move to this property. There has been good response from the community as we have started to speak to people in this new area. Some of our young men have started some children's outreaches to try and introduce ourselves to the community.

In our last letter we mentioned prayer for the possibility of being able to purchase land. The land is bigger than what we were initially looking for, but in a wonderful way God has given us a lower price on the property, and has already provided enough finances to purchase it and fence it! We have been very humbled and encouraged to see how God has worked so quickly and how individuals and churches have sacrificially given to help. What looked

Our next prayer is for a building. Because we are in a more developed area, there are some building regulations (although not as strict as North America), and development plans must be submitted and approved by our municipality. God has led us to an architect that has started some preliminary plans and we hope to soon begin pricing the cost to build. We are praying for a simple multipurpose style building that we can use for various ministries all week long. Please pray and if God would lead you to help financially, please send it to Harvesters Baptist Church and designate Hope Baptist Church South Africa in the memo. I cannot express how excited we are at the thought of having toilets at church:) and all that God has planned in reaching this area with the Gospel.

Our family is all well and healthy. We thank God for the safety and protection that He continues to give us. We are starting into our winter season, and the number of Covid cases has started to climb again, so please continue to pray for health and freedom to minister.

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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Titus, Tanner, Tayden & Tianna