



The Johnsons In South Africa

January—March 2024

But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. - Matthew 19:14

Greetings from South Africa

It seems like just last week it was the beginning of January, but it is already now the end of March. Our weather has started to turn slightly cooler as we enter into our Fall season, and it is an enjoyable break from the unusual heat of the last few months.

January began with our Holiday Bible School at Hope Baptist Church, and God blessed in a great way. We had over 500 children in attendance, as well as over 90 youth attending a separate time in the evening for them. Meeting outside under the tent was a challenge as it was filled to capacity, and we had rain several afternoons. But God wonderfully stopped the rain each day just in time for the invitation. We were able to take those with questions about salvation and deal with them in a quiet place outside. It was exciting to watch the workers sitting around the property and witnessing to others. Several children and youth trusted Christ, and many others listened attentively as the gospel was preached. On Sunday morning closing program, many of the children brought their parents, and it was a great opportunity to be a light and witness in our community.



In January, our Bible Institute also resumed classes. We have 5 young ladies, and 1 young man attending this year. They are again an attentive group with a desire to grow in their Christian lives and to do God's will. Pray for many of our Bible Institute graduates as well, as marriage will be one of the next things in their lives. Pray that God would provide good jobs, or ministry finances, to help these young men and women move forward with marriage and establishing Godly homes. They are all first generation christians, and there are enormous family, cultural, and logistical battles they face.

Sometime in February, an older man that we have witnessed to for over 10 years, showed up on a Sunday morning for church. It was a great surprise and blessing. He is known all throughout the community as a drunk, and it has been hard to witness to him because of the alcohol. But after several weeks of attending church, and continuing to witness and explain the gospel, this man named Vusi, trusted Christ! And what a change in his life, God is making! The old friends are coming by, even on Sunday morning to get him to drink, but he is leaving them behind and coming to church faithfully. Pray that God would continue to help him grow in victory, and to be a wonderful witness of God's power to save!

At the end of December, we were unsure of what God would do with the construction at Hope Baptist Church. We were out of money, but God amazingly provided again and we were able to have the concrete floors at both the house and church poured, the brickwork mostly completed, and last week they poured the concrete for the second floor classrooms at the church. The parsonage is about 85% complete. Please pray, that God would provide \$30,000 USD for the roofing, windows, and doors as the next step. With finances, it is possible to be finished the parsonage by the end of April, and the church building by the end of June. We are excited at soon being able to use the building for His glory!



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