

January/February 2023

Praise the Lord, the New Year has brought new ministry opportunities. For the past several months, we have seen growth in our current ministries while, at the same time, planning new outreach ministries. Anytime you start a new program or ministry, it is exciting, yet it comes with a side of nervousness or even intimidation. Though some opportunities seem daunting, we are excited to see how God will use our current and new ministries.

On the first Friday in February, we started Friday Night Youth. This action-packed hour is basically a "VBS" every week. We enjoy games, songs, memory verses, and Bible lessons. The children love having time set aside just for them each week so we can focus on their needs and growth. So far, we have seen new children every Friday since we began. It is so wonderful to see young people excited to come to a church service geared just for them. We are thankful and blessed to have a church with a heart for young people, not only in our church but also in our community.

Solid Rock Baptist Church has had some fantastic services so far this year. Just this year alone, the church has been able to gift six Bibles to young boys who have come to Sunday services three weeks in a row. The church was even able to give ten Bibles to gentlemen at a men's home who wanted their own copy of God's Word. Several of these men faithfully attend our church, and more plan to attend in the future. Soon, we will be able to distribute more Bibles throughout the men's and women's homes in the area. With the summer heat upon us here in South Africa, it brings about a few changes in our church services. On Sundays, when the heat is stifling (and with no AC), we move our services outside under some awnings to catch a breeze. This also provides us the opportunity for the music and preaching to be heard by those passing by. With an average attendance of around 40, we were thrilled to have 48 in one service in January. God has allowed us to see visitors in nearly every service this year. Some visitors are passing through town, while others are searching for a Bible-believing church to attend regularly. Please join us in prayer for Solid Rock Baptist Church to continue to be used by God to be a light in our community.

On the family side, we feel it an honor to serve the Lord in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. We truly feel "at home" and are thrilled to see what God has been doing these past few months! It seems Savannah (10), Eason (8), and Cullen (6) have grown a foot since moving here eight months ago. God has knit all of our hearts with our church family and friends here. They love living in South Africa, learning the culture, and attempting to learn words and phrases from two languages (Afrikaans and isiXhosa). Every day seems to be a new adventure for the whole family as we continue to fall in love with South Africa's people and its natural beauty.

Several weeks ago, Matthew had the blessing to lead his first two souls to Christ on the field. Matthew was given the opportunity to speak to a group of men, and the Lord moved in the service with two men receiving Christ that evening. Just a few weeks after this, Matthew was able to lead another man to Christ after he came up after the service, specifically saying, "I need a personal relationship with Jesus. Can you help me get started?" God continues to bless the ministries in which we are faithful to work. Please pray with us that God will continue to open the hearts of those who need to hear the gospel.

The Womack Family

Praise the Lord for 48 in the service this Sunday!





The first young man to receive his own Bible.



Several children (and adults) doing the "egg toss" for the first time.

Savannah (10), Eason (8), and Cullen (6) have loved living in South Africa.



Praises:

- Three souls receiving Christ!
- Friday Night Youth beginning
- Growth in Solid Rock Baptist Church

Prayer requests:

- More souls to receive Christ.
- New church building (we outgrew ours).
- New ministry opportunities are starting in March.

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