

Eleven months ago, our family moved to Port Elizabeth, South Africa. What an awesome and amazing experience it has been to serve the Lord during that time. The past few months have been hectic continuing ministries and beginning new ones. Let me tell you about a few of them.

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION - Since January, we have had the privilege of handing out over 100 Bibles in our church services and outreach ministries of Solid Rock Baptist Church. This ministry is growing rapidly, and we are continually purchasing new Bibles for those wanting to read God's Word.

MES (Mould-Empower-Serve) SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE - MES is a mission home and rehab for those who need help getting back on track from a crisis. In February, we were approached about starting a Sunday Service for those in the home (approx. 70-80 people). We began our afternoon services there with wonderful results on the first Sunday in March. This outreach has been tremendously helped by two of our current churchmen who have been assisting us by teaching Bible truths in the MES services. This afternoon service has quickly become one of the highlights of our week! Several of the men who have completed the program have started faithfully attending our church and have even started helping in our main services. Their willingness to learn and help has been a major encouragement. Just one of the ways they have begun to help is in the sound and multimedia for the preaching services. This helps us so we can have assistance with slides for songs, attractive announcements, and Bible verses for preaching. Our teammate, Hannah Bennett, and Courtney have been able to help on Wednesday with a ladies' Bible Study as well. In April, Hannah was able to lead a lady to the Lord after she taught a lesson. This lady knew about the Lord but had never heard a clear presentation of the gospel!

HOLIDAY CLUB - This club is in the Walmer Township and features a "VBS" feel during each session. South Africa has many public holidays, so we go into these areas during these times the children are out of school to have Bible lessons, songs, and games. We have had a couple of Holiday Clubs in the past few months and look forward to many more! Currently for this ministry, we rent a garage with a small driveway to pack in 100 or more children. God has blessed this outreach ministry greatly. All children went home with the gospel in hand to take to their friends and family.

SOUP KITCHEN - The Lord has allowed us to host multiple feeding ministries on Saturdays for young people in need of food. It is a blast preparing the food and event, but the best part, by far, is watching all the young people excited to see you and getting all the "high-fives". In this last feeding ministry, we had about 120 children who sat through a Bible lesson, story-time, and helped us sing a handful of songs. At this time this ministry focuses on getting food to the young people. In the future, we hope to expand to feeding all (including adults) in need. On average we can feed 150 people for \$75-90 USD, depending on the meal.

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY - This ministry is not new to us but it continues with beautiful results. Just this past week, we were able to deliver more goodies for the new mothers. This was a blessing after everything was on hold for over two months due to strikes and riots near the hospital. We were able to deliver 60 care packages to new mothers along with a dozen packets of diapers. Not only did every mother receive much-needed gifts, but they also received a gospel tract with a clear presentation of the gospel in their language as well.

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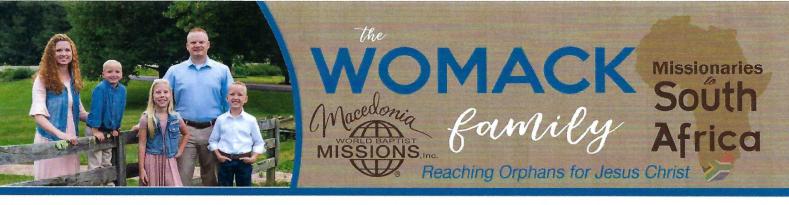
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WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - On May 10th, we launched our first mid-week Bible study. To begin with we are looking at overviews of each section of the Bible and each Book. It has been exciting to study God's Word with those who are able to come out for this service. It is a refreshing time as we gather around and learn more about God's Word in a more relaxed and close-knit group.

MEDICAL OUTREACH - Through our nurse and fellow missionary, Hannah Bennett, we have begun the first of several medical outreach ministries. Two weeks ago, our church was able to assist her with a health screening in the Walmer Township where we checked blood pressure and blood sugar levels. Hannah was able to educate several on their high or low numbers and get them the help they needed. Each person who came for the free screening went away with the gospel in their language and an invitation to church. We can not wait to see all that the Lord is going to do through this outreach in the near future!

On the family side, we are loving serving the Lord in Port Elizabeth. In March, we celebrated Eason's 9th birthday. At the end of May, we celebrated Savannah's 11th birthday. Cullen cannot wait for his 7th birthday in August! We would ask you to pray specifically for Savannah. Over the past several years, she has struggled with what we believe to be low blood sugar levels. This past month, it has gotten to the point where medical professionals think we need to investigate further. She is currently being closely monitored and undergoing tests to see what exactly is going on. Doctors have said there is a high possibility of hospitalization in the next few weeks to do even more extensive tests. We ask you to pray for the doctors to have wisdom and clarity so Savannah can get the help she needs.

Solid Rock Baptist Church has grown even more over the past three months. We consistently have over 50 each Sunday morning service, with some Sundays going over 60. Due to the rate at which we are growing, we have desperately been searching for a new place to rent or purchase for over six months now. We have found what we believe is the perfect spot for Solid Rock to grow. There is a plot of land (1/2 acre) with a 3-bedroom house and flatlet already built and updated. In the back of the property is plenty of space for a church building which would be large enough for the coming years. Until the church can be built, we will meet in this house and use the flatlet for Sunday School classrooms. We have made an offer on the property and it has been accepted. Would you pray and consider helping us with the purchase of this property? In today's exchange rate, the property with the two buildings is at \$115,000. This is a great price for the land, buildings, and location. One of our supporting churches has graciously offered to match all donations up to \$60,000. Any donations to this fund can be sent to Macedonia World Baptist Missions under "Building Fund". Solid Rock has already started our building fund several weeks ago and is excited to see how God will work in this situation. Should we receive more funds than needed for the purchase of the property, those funds will go directly to building a church building which will cost a little more than the property itself. Thank you so much for praying for this need! For more information, please find a video about this property on our Facebook page and YouTube channel at "Womacks to South Africa".

The Womack Family



The house on the possible new church property.







PRAISES:

- We are seeing God work in new people weekly and multiple have come to salvation.
- 6 new ministries have been started since January!
 (Sunday Afternoon MES service, Friday Youth Clubs, Medical Outreach, Feeding Ministry, Holiday Clubs, Wednesday Night Services)
- Helping Hands Ministry was able to deliver more needed necessities.
- Growth in Solid Rock Baptist Church

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- New believers to grow in Christ and more will see their need for the Saviour.
- Funds to purchase new church property.
- Savannah's health and clear answers/diagnosis

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