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It almost seems impossible that 2023 is coming to a close. Looking back over the last year, it is exciting to see how much the Lord has grown the ministry of Solid Rock Baptist Church! **Since January there have been 8 new ministries started.** Wow! Praise the Lord!

Savannah (11), Eason (9), and Cullen (7) have been diligent in their schoolwork to finish for Summer/Christmas break (Opposite hemisphere). Along with her schooling, Savannah has progressed in her piano lessons tremendously. She has played for church offertories, outreach ministries, and a piano recital. Just this past month, Eason began to play in several of the services as well. **It is a joy to watch them grow as musicians and use their talents for the Lord.**

In October, we were blessed to have a few visitors from the U.S. Our Pastor, Bro. Tony Jones and Bro. Jason Hamby (Macedonia World Baptist Missions) were able to spend some time with us. We were thrilled to show these men how the Lord was blessing and working in the ministries here in Port Elizabeth. Pastor Jones was gracious enough to preach on multiple occasions. We all enjoyed our time with "Uncle Tony" & "Uncle Jason". **It was wonderful to get to show this beautiful city and share our ministry dreams with friends and ministry partners.**

Over the past 2 1/2 months, we have been able to see three men receive Christ as their Savior. It is the greatest privilege to share the gospel to those who have never heard or have never received Christ. One of these men came forward after hearing a message on "Christ Is All", weeping saying, "I need the Lord." Matthew was able to open his Bible and show this man how he could have eternal life. It is moments like this that remind us of the words of a familiar song, "It will be worth it all..."

As mentioned in previous letters, Solid Rock Baptist Church was able to purchase an ideal piece of property. At this moment, work is in progress to repair and improve the front wall. Our goal for this wall is to reduce the risk of theft, as well as to provide a place for signage. Once this wall is completed then all attention will be on the auditorium building modifications. These modifications will be to expand one of the buildings on the property by over 1,000 square feet, giving the church ample space to meet and grow. After completion, these modifications will double our auditorium size also giving us three extra classrooms, multiple bathrooms (including a handicap accessible bathroom) and add much needed storage space. We were excited to receive the first draft of the blueprints in early December and wanted to share with you a concept what it will look like. You can find an update video about this project on our YouTube channel "Womacks to South Africa - Solid Rock Building Project." This video will be available on December 26th and will be sent out to those who receive our prayer letter via email. The overall total for this building endeavor is about \$80,000. However, about \$25,000 has already been donated. **Praise the Lord!** This means we are needing about \$55,000 to complete this church auditorium renovation. Would you prayerfully consider assisting Solid Rock Baptist Church in completing this church building project? All donations for this project can be sent to Macedonia World Baptist Missions (mwbm.org). The church is excited about the possibility of moving into the new building early next year!

While Pastor Tony was visiting us, Solid Rock's "Helping Hands Ministry" was able to deliver over 1,700 diapers to Dora Nginza hospital along with large goodie trays for all the mother/baby nurses. Though we always enjoy our time in assisting others, this time was a little extra special as we were allowed to spend a few minutes in the advanced level of the preemie-unit. We were able to speak to several mothers with babies under 1 1/2 pounds! Along with the diapers and the goodies, gospel tracts went to all who received one of the gift packets. **Please pray that the mothers, nurses and family members who received these tracts will see their need for the Saviour!** Also, please pray as we will be doing another Christmas packet delivery this week to over 80 mothers on the preemie floors.

In November, Matthew was asked to preach at a local Mission Station for low-income families or those in hardship. This would be a full service for about 150 people on Sunday evenings. For now, it will only be about once a month, but what an opportunity to give the gospel! Please be in prayer for this new opportunity to share God's Word.

From the entire Womack family, we want to thank you for all the love, support, and encouragement we have received this past year. We wish everyone a Meaningful and Merry Christmas!

We would ask for your prayers for three specific areas:

1. The Church NPO Application to be approved sooner than later. (We first applied in May 2023)
2. Our Waiver's to be approved so we can apply for our 3-year VISA. (We sent in our waivers in November 2022 and have still heard nothing back.)
3. Wisdom & Discernment for the upcoming church building project.

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