



# the WOMACK family



## Friday Night Youth and Thursday Discipleship

March and April kept us on our toes with various activities and responsibilities. With Easter being on the last day of March, we dedicated much of February and March to teaching the life of Jesus, ending the last two weeks on the Crucifixion and Resurrection. Seeing the attentiveness and watching the kids retain so much of the lessons was extremely rewarding and ultimately helped them see the significance for celebrating Easter. Last February we started this Friday Night Youth group primarily for 5-12-year-olds. Which has gradually changed as more teens 12 years old and above have joined, hungry for biblical knowledge. We have just continued teaching and seeing the young ones and the older ones learn and grow. On Thursdays, we go into the township and have an in-depth discipleship with these older teens to help them to have a greater understanding and allow for open questions and collective learning. In the last few weeks, we have been able to see many of these teens come to a full knowledge of salvation and hopefully in May we will be able to have a baptism service in the Walmer Township just for these children. Please pray for this, as it will open many of doors and allow the families to see the baptisms and hear the gospel if they attend. Right now, many children come on Thursdays and Fridays, but their parents/families do not attend church with us regularly. This may be one time that they are willing to come out and we are praying it will be used in a very big way!

## Holiday Clubs and Soup Kitchen

In South Africa, the end of March and beginning of April marked the End of the 1<sup>st</sup> Term of school and started their Easter School Holiday. (Remember we are in the Southern Hemisphere, which makes us in opposite seasons, so it is our Fall Break.) During this holiday period, we took the opportunity to organize a Holiday Club one week, followed by a Soup Kitchen the next week. Both events were well attended! Since then, we have continued with Soup Kitchen, hosting one about every 3 weeks. One of the most encouraging things we have seen from these last few Soup Kitchens was watching the community get more involved. Not only have mothers and teens from the township been actively engaged in cooking, cleaning, and setup/teardown, but church members have also been taking time off from their jobs to lend a hand, often bringing their families along to assist in any way possible. This growth in community action and the newfound enthusiasm among our church members has been incredibly uplifting. It's a testament to the power of collective action and shared commitment. As a result, we feel less burdened and more empowered to continue our efforts, knowing that we have a strong support network of willing hands and sweet spirits.

## MES (Mould, Empower, Serve)

As many of you know, MES is a homeless and addictions rehab where our church hosts an afternoon service every Sunday. Many of the men and women who have graduated the program are dedicated members of Solid Rock Baptist Church. However, in March, we faced a significant challenge when a Hepatitis quarantine prevented us from attending or ministering for two weeks. This hiatus resulted in many program participants struggling with the sudden isolation and disconnection from external support systems. Regrettably, some individuals relapsed, returning to the streets or succumbing once again to their addictions. Yet, amidst the adversity, we've been heartened by the resilience and determination of a core group of individuals who have endured the hardships. One of the men who graduated from the program about a year ago even followed the Lord in baptism in April! We are so thankful to see the new believers and growth.

## Family Update:

In the middle of March, Matthew and Eason started a new hobby of playing guitar! They dove headfirst into learning how to play! It is so fun to see them learning together, in the last 2 weeks they have played specials together in church!

On Easter Day, March 31, our Eason turned 10 years old! Eason is turning into such an enthusiastic, musical, and compassionate young man! Please pray for us as Eason has huge hopes of one day being a missionary pilot! We know God can continue to grow and shape his heart and life. As parents, we are just trying to daily continue to educate and pour in knowledge so that he will be as equipped as humanly possible for whatever God has in store for him.

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Latest video on our YouTube channel "Womacks to South Africa" Jan-Feb 2024 Update

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