The Womack Family

Missionaries in South Africa

May-June 2026

BIG NEWS for SRBC!

In May, after nearly a year of prayer and seeking counsel, we were thrilled to welcome Solid Rock Baptist Church's first national assistant, Russel Houlie! In April 2025, a national pastor in our area shared that several men in his church had a strong desire to serve the Lord in ministry, but there simply were not enough ministry opportunities for all of them. He specifically mentioned Russel, a man grounded in his faith, a gifted preacher of the Gospel, and someone who had faithfully served the Lord for years.

At that time, we began praying earnestly about whether Russel might be the help our church needed and whether this could be part of God's plan as we prepare for our Spring 2027 furlough. Russel and his fiancée, Caitlyn, have now been with us for nearly two months and have already been an incredible blessing. They have brought fresh energy and encouragement to our church family. Lord willing, after they are married in August, they will move into the house on our church property and be able to assist with even more ministry responsibilities. We are excited to see how God continues to use them.

4th Anniversary in South Africa

*This month also marked **FOUR YEARS** since we moved to Port Elizabeth.* God has been so good! When we first arrived, the city was under severe water restrictions and suffering through what had become nearly a decade-long drought. As of May, however, the drought is officially over, perhaps more than we expected as much of the Eastern and Western Capes have experienced significant flooding in the recent weeks. Through it all, it has been a privilege to serve in South Africa these past four years.

Blessings with Friday Night Youth growth

Despite these challenges, the Lord has continued to work. In early May, we experienced a record attendance at our Friday Night Youth program, with more than 80 children attending for two consecutive weeks! While it was certainly chaotic at times, it was also an incredible blessing. During one of the lessons, several teenage girls made professions of faith, and we can see the Lord continuing to convict others' hearts. Please pray for these young people to grow and for others who are hearing the truth to soon come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Discipleship

Since April, Courtney has been faithfully discipling several young ladies through weekly Bible studies. It has been encouraging to watch their spiritual growth and to see the fruit that is coming from these meetings. Please continue to pray for "A" and "E" as they face some significant decisions regarding their futures. We would also appreciate your prayers that God would provide them with godly husbands in His perfect timing. Both young ladies are hoping to begin attending a local sister church's Bible college in August, and we are excited to see what the Lord will do in and through their lives.

During the last week of June, Matthew began a church-wide discipleship course designed to help believers become firmly grounded in their faith. Every Saturday afternoon, he teaches one of the "Principles of Growth." These are foundational biblical truths that every Christian should know and apply. We currently have seven students participating in the course, and it has been a joy to see new believers growing in their walk with Christ while others are being refreshed and strengthened in the fundamentals of the faith. Please pray that these lessons will produce lasting spiritual growth and equip each student to faithfully serve the Lord and disciple others as they learn. This year, May and June have been a bit more trying and not ideal for most of our ministries and outreach. At times, these months have felt discouraging and defeating, yet through every trial, the Lord has shown Himself faithful and good.

God has a purpose for even the trials

For the first time that we can remember, a severe virus swept through both our family and our church. For more than three weeks, someone in our family was battling high fevers, severe coughs, congestion, or other symptoms. Thankfully, good medical care was available, and some were able to receive the medications needed to overcome complications that developed. We are grateful to report that everyone is improving, though we are still working to rebuild our strength and immune systems.

This season was particularly difficult because it is rare for us to miss even a single church service due to illness. Between sickness, flooding, dangerous road conditions, and frequent power outages, we were forced to cancel several Wednesday services and outreaches. Yet through it all, God has remained faithful. Though some ministry doors temporarily closed, we have continued to see a growing desire among our people to serve the Lord and a spiritual maturity that has greatly encouraged our hearts.

In May, we also participated in another Fifth Sunday Rally hosted by a sister church in the area. Several members of our church presented a special music selection, Matthew had the opportunity to preach, and one of our men shared a powerful testimony of how the Lord saved him and transformed his life. It was especially encouraging to hear how he is now faithfully serving in the church and actively bringing others to Christ.

Even through sickness, flooding, and many physical trials, God has continued to receive the glory. Time and again, He has reminded us that He is working according to His perfect plan, even when circumstances seem difficult to understand.

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