

Praises & Prayer Requests from the Graham Family in Cape Town, South Africa



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Dear Friends and Prayer Supporters,

I write this prayer letter with the mixture of sadness and joy that comes with the promotion to glory of a family member and servant of the Lord. Katie's father passed away. He served the Lord in his home, at church, and through multiple terms as a Michigan State Representative and Senator. Appropriately, his funeral service was marked by far more joy than grief, although we will all truly miss him. I believe the faith not only of his children but of his many grandchildren testify to his walk with the Lord.

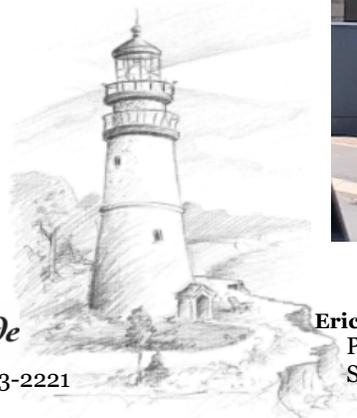
Chilly Baptisms

We may still be a few months away from having the permission we need to use our new church building. This has not slowed down some of our church men who have spent many hours removing walls and upper-level flooring to prepare for interior construction according to new plans. It is a blessing to see the men committed to the work. While we wait for municipal consent for our building, we will continue to meet in our house and backyard. Please pray that industries neighboring our new building will not mind us parking along the street in front of their buildings on Sundays while they are closed.

I had the privilege to baptize five yesterday! One is Nadine who trusted Christ last year. She and her husband are joining our church. Others are two daughters of a church family. The remaining two are Lucky and Bafo from our Gugulethu ministry. Our nighttime temps right now are in the 50s, so the church members' pool we use was chilly.



Bafo ready for baptism



Outreach in Gugulethu

Witchdoctors and Addicts

We have had many opportunities to meet with people to share the Gospel with them. Over the Easter weekend, Benjamin and I joined Sizwe, Vuyani, Bafo, and Lucky to evangelize a section of Gugulethu. We drove slowly while Sizwe preached through a speaker, and we regularly stopped to share the Gospel and tracts. This was Bafo's and Lucky's first time on evangelism. In all, we handed out ninety tracts and spoke with many individuals.

Sizwe and I have met with Busi's mother twice in recent weeks sharing the Gospel and answering questions about traditional beliefs. We worked through many Bible passages considering traditional beliefs and the Gospel. She says she understands everything, but there is a disconnect between this response and her desire to continue ancestral rituals. She is open to meet again. We also met once with Trevor, Busi's cousin who is a *sangoma*. He has no desire to continue his practices, but he believes he has no choice. He explains the ancestors audibly called him to this role. Both Trevor and Busi's mom are open to another visit. Please also pray for the salvation of Simone, Soso, and Wawa (an elderly fortune teller), and the spiritual growth of Monica (who recently made a profession of faith).

A couple in our church, Chris and Chrystal, have restarted a Bible study in their home for young adults. They have two men coming whose wives are unsaved.

Thank you for your prayers!
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