



THE BRANCH FAMILY

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*Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?
Then said I, Here am I; send me. - Isaiah 6:8*

BRANCH FAMILY UPDATE

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER, 2018

Greetings to all of our friends and supporters! I apologize for the delay of getting this letter out, but I wanted to wait until we had returned off our furlough to get you completely updated on all that has happened!

PERSONAL

Thanksgiving and Christmas were such blessed times spent with family! You just don't realize how much you miss it when you're on the field. The house we stayed in was very centrally located near all of our family, so we took advantage of that and visited as often as we could between meetings. Our little granddaughter, Rylee, is growing up fast and we certainly enjoy being grandparents! Just having the pleasure of getting together with family, whoever it was, was a great time for us and them!

The departure at the airport was a sad time again with many tears. But it's so great having a Godly family that understands God's call on our life and stands by us in loving support. We will miss them, but we're thankful for the technology modern-day missionaries enjoy to make it easier to stay in touch. All of us, Vicki, Anna, Malachi and myself, are very excited to be **back at home now in South Africa** and are ready to get back to our normal life and ministry routine!

MINISTRY

We finished out November and December with some good meetings. Most all of them were close to home base so travel wasn't as bad! We were in **fifty-one meetings during our furlough** and overall we were greatly encouraged by the love and support of faithful prayer and financial partners. God also blessed us with some **new churches** taking us on for monthly support which was very much needed.

We arrived back here on Wednesday, Jan. 9th and held our first service with the church on Thursday with twenty-two in attendance. **WHAT A REUNION!!** Having stayed in constant contact with them during furlough, I knew they were doing well and being faithful. The young men we left in charge all did very well and we were thankful to have them standing in. What a joy it is to have such faithful people who have a heart and desire to serve the Lord with us! We will jump right back in to ministry work as children's outreach in Greenpoint is this Saturday. School has started back, so we will be back in the primary school and daycare on Monday mornings and conducting Bible studies in the high schools on Wednesday and Thursday. The "College of the Bible" classes start next Friday and Bible Institute classes begin in February. **WHEW!!** We love being busy in the work of God!



We LOVE being Grandparents!

New Vehicle!

PRAYER AND PRAISES

PRAISE the Lord that all fourteen pieces of luggage made it safely to South Africa!

PRAISE the Lord for the **\$20,000 that was given for our new ministry vehicle**. We knew exactly what we wanted and were actually able to purchase it from the States! A brand new **2018 Toyota Avanza wagon** was waiting for us when we got back. It's a small, fuel-efficient and reliable vehicle with room for seven! **THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to all the churches and individuals that made this purchase possible!!! **What a blessing!!!** (A picture is to the left...if you would like a larger picture for yourself, please email me and I will gladly send you one!!)

PRAY for us as we settle back into our life here and get going again.

PRAY for the Truth Baptist Church and all the ministries that God will bless with many souls saved and churches planted.

PRAY for the young men in the Bible Institute, Naude, Wonder, and Donovan, along with their families as they prepare to serve the Lord.

In Christ's Service,
The Branch Family