



*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*

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**BRANCH FAMILY UPDATE**

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“Hallo my vriende! Hoe gaan dit?” That’s “Hello my friends! How are you?” in Afrikaans! I trust this letter finds you all doing well and prospering in the work of the Lord. We rejoice in all the great things God is doing here!

**PERSONAL**

Every morning after “ontbyt” (breakfast), our family gathers to do a language lesson online. Although English is widely-spoken, **Afrikaans** is the language of choice in our city, so we are working hard at trying to become more proficient at it. **It’s not easy...at all!!** It helps that the people here are so supportive when they hear us use it and appreciate that we’re trying. It’s all part of the day-to-day challenges that God is helping us with.

**MINISTRY**

On the last Sunday in January, we celebrated the **one-year anniversary of Truth Baptist Church**. Everyone worked hard to invite their friends and family to be a part of this special day. We were blessed to have a **record number of 56** in the service with 17 first-time visitors! We have also seen record attendances for Sunday night and Wednesday night services and new visitors are coming regularly. Over the next few weeks, the church will be reviewing and adopting a church constitution and we will have the joy of baptizing some new believers in anticipation of our **church chartering** service scheduled for Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. It is truly amazing to see God working to establish **HIS** church here in Kimberley!

With the new year, we’re once again privileged to be conducting weekly **Bible studies and assemblies** in local schools and daycares. The **Bible Institute** is doing well as the young men have started their second year of training. And the Friday evening “**College of the Bible**” class open to all church members is also well-attended. Along with all of this, we conduct weekly discipleship classes with new converts, monthly children’s ministry in the village of Greenpoint, and regular evangelism outreach. What a joy to be busy in the work of the ministry!

The best news is **two more precious souls have been saved** by God’s grace! **Felicia** was an acquaintance of Michael (who just got saved a few weeks ago). She was burdened about her teenage son and reached out to us for prayer. We asked her if she was interested in Bible study and on the very first day, we were able to lead her to Christ! She had been a life-long Anglican, but no one had ever shown her how to be saved. Now, she is rejoicing in her new relationship with Christ! **Ruan** had been visiting with his girlfriend, Ansu. After hearing me preach the truth about the “*way which seemeth right*” in the book of Proverbs, he became concerned for his soul. We met for coffee and he soon realized that although he had made a “commitment” to Christ as a teenager, he had never truly repented of his sin and believed on Christ as Saviour. A prayer of faith with tears streaming down his face changed all of that! Praise God, He is still saving souls!!

**PRAYER**

- PRAY** for Truth Baptist Church as we meet to **charter the church** in March.
- PRAY** for our family as we prepare for **furlough** and gather documents to begin our **visa renewal process**.
- PRAY** for the young men in the **Bible Institute** as Satan is doing his best to hinder their progress.

In Christ’s Service,  
The Branch Family

**ATTENTION: Will you prayerfully consider helping us with vehicle needs? From costly repairs to inadequate room for ministry demands, we’ve had nothing but trouble! God didn’t send us here to spend valuable time in a garage! Due to South Africa’s socialist policies, we cannot import cheaper vehicles from other countries. Also, parts for repairs are very difficult to obtain. Newer, more reliable vehicles that will adequately meet the need are not cheap! Along with what we are saving, we need to raise approximately \$15,000. Any offering toward this is greatly appreciated and can be sent to our BIMI account marked “Vehicle.” Thank you for your prayerful consideration!**



Felicia – happy to be saved!



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Evangelism Outreach Group