



THE BRANCH FAMILY

SERVING THE LORD IN THE CITY OF KIMBERLEY, SOUTH AFRICA
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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

JANUARY/FEBRUARY, 2019

Hello once again to all our dear friends and supporters. Thank you for praying for us! God is blessing!

PERSONAL

We've been back in South Africa for almost two months now. One of the first things we noticed as a family is how **very different "coming back"** to the field is than going to the field the first time. The overall "thrill" of new things and new adventure isn't there this time. We're in the same house in the same city and everything is pretty much as we left it. God is showing us that it is **COMMITMENT to the call of God**, not just the "novelty" of being a missionary that sustains a dedicated missionary family. Our children are growing also. They are no longer the twelve and thirteen year-old "children" that we came to the field with, but are now maturing into young men and women, which can change their perspective on a lot of things. God is so good, and we are thankful for His grace that works in all of our hearts as we serve Him together as a family!

MINISTRY

In just the short time since our return, God is already greatly blessing HIS work here. On the last Sunday in January, we held our **2nd annual "Anniversary Sunday"** to celebrate the church's beginning. The people worked hard to invite friends and family and prayed for God to give us a record attendance for the day. With just two weeks to really work on it, there was some doubt as to whether it could be done. God answered our prayers as we saw a **new record attendance of 64 with 23 first-time visitors!!** Church attendance is averaging around thirty for most services and new families are joining. And, most importantly, we are seeing great spiritual growth among many of the people! We believe there is a bright future for Truth Baptist Church!

All other regular ministry activity is going strong. It's a joy and privilege to conduct morning assemblies and Bible studies in local schools during the week which enables us to reach hundreds of children AND their homes with the gospel. The Bible Institute has started back up and Bible classes on Friday nights are well-attended. The monthly children's outreach in Greenpoint is continuing to see great results with **two children receiving Christ** in January! We are praying for God to open the door for us to start a church in this community soon. We also enjoy going out on the streets on the last Saturday of the month for evangelism and soul winning. This past Saturday, we prepared **200 John & Romans** with a church tract inside and stood at a busy intersection in the city and handed them out to passing motorists. We are trusting Psalm 126:6 and Isaiah 55:11 for the results to God's glory.



The people enjoy working for the Lord!



PRAYER AND PRAISES

PRAISE the Lord for souls saved and homes and families being changed for the glory of God.

PRAISE the Lord for meeting another Independent Baptist missionary family working in our province in the city of Upington (about four hours from us) that we did not even know was here!

PRAISE the Lord that we were told we can continue to request extensions to our 3-year volunteer visas indefinitely! This takes a lot of pressure off of us as we plan for the future here.

PRAY for the church as we conduct "Family Month" during the month of March with preaching and teaching on how to have a Biblical home and family. It is such a tremendous need in this culture!

PRAY for the young men in the Bible Institute: Naude', Wonder, and Donovan. Satan is working very hard to pull these young men away. Your prayers could make a difference!

PRAY for the country of South Africa. There is growing unrest and concern about the future of this nation. Pray that God will keep the doors open here.

In Christ's Service,
The Branch Family