



*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

Greetings once again to all our dear friends and supporters. **Winter has arrived** in Kimberley bringing with it much colder temperatures; some as low as **twenty-eight degrees!** Yes, it does get cold even in Africa!

PERSONAL

Recently, my family had the opportunity to visit the nearby town of Kuruman, where in 1821 Robert Moffat established a mission station to reach southern Africa. Twenty years later, a young David Livingstone would visit and train with him on his way into the African interior. What a thrill it was for my family to see their church, homes, and workplace, and to stand where these great missionary pioneers once stood!

MINISTRY

God continues to bless the work here in Kimberley. Our new church location is working wonderfully and we are seeing many visitors come. Since our first service on January 1st, we've had **eighty-two first-time visitors!** The attendance for the worship service is averaging about twenty, and we've tied our record attendance of twenty-seven twice in the last couple weeks! Our first Mother's and Father's Day services were well-attended and enjoyed by all. Recently, my family hosted a stew fellowship at our house after a Sunday service. What a joy to see the people fellowshiping and enjoying spending time together! Best of all, God continues to save souls. Since our last letter, we've seen **seven more saved:** William, Jonathan, Emily, Simiso, Ashley, Marisca, and Linda.

On May 11th, Missionary Chris Radebaugh came to Kimberley with some of his students from the Bible Baptist College for the Deaf in Johannesburg. We acquired the auditorium from a nearby school for them to present the drama entitled, "The Final Judgment." This school just happens to be a boarding-type school for disabled students. Over one hundred and twenty-five of their students were in attendance, including eighty-five deaf students. It would be **the very first time for many of them to "hear" the gospel.** When the drama was finished, nearly fifty of them prayed to receive Christ as their Saviour. The principal was so touched by the working of God that he immediately requested Bro. Radebaugh to send someone on a regular basis to follow up and preach to the deaf students. He has also extended an invitation for us to do the same with the hearing students. Praise God for this great work and for the open door for new ministry!

The **Bible Institute** continues to do well. Naude' and Wonder are faithful to classes and are excited about all that they are learning. Naude' has even begun teaching Sunday School at the church every other Sunday and is doing a great job! A young man named Donovan, who works with them, has been faithfully attending the church since we started. He has been called to preach also, but has been training under an apostolic church. As he attended our services and heard the preaching, God began to work in his heart and show him that the apostolic church was not the place for him. It is now his conviction to be a Baptist preacher and will begin training in Truth Baptist Institute when our next classes start on July 4th.

PRAYER

PRAY as we have our very first Vacation Bible Time in the nearby village of Greenpoint on July 12th through 14th. Pray for many children to attend and to be saved!

PRAY for all the new believers to be discipled and to be faithful in their new life in Christ.

PRAY for Vicki and Anna as they travel to the States in late August for the arrival of the grandbaby.

**A big "thank you" to our home church, Victory Baptist, for purchasing a new set of tires for our vehicle!!
What a blessing to have our home church stand with us so faithfully in the work here!!**

In Christ's Service,
The Branch Family



Attendance at the Drama



Stew Fellowship



Family fun in Kuruman