



*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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Greetings once again to all our dear friends! Many of you, I'm sure, are busy with revival meetings, Missions conferences and holiday preparations. Thank you for taking the time to read our report and to pray for us! For all that God is doing we must say, "Prys die Here!!" ("Praise the Lord" in Afrikaans)

PERSONAL

In unexpected fashion, God graciously granted for Malachi and me the opportunity to **travel to the States** in September to join up with Vicki and Anna to see **our new grandbaby!** Though the stay was short (4 days), we were thrilled to be able to hold Rylee in our arms, to be able to visit with some of our family, and even preach at our home church! A **HUGE** "thank you" to our home church, Victory Baptist Church in Danville, VA and Pastor Curtis, for giving so generously toward making the trip possible!

MINISTRY

The various ministries of Truth Baptist Church continue to go well and show great spiritual growth. God has given us a core group of people who are faithful to most every service and work hard to witness and invite people to church. We're currently placing a greater **emphasis on reading the Bible** and the people are responding with great enthusiasm. All of the children's outreaches in the various schools and daycares are doing well and keeping us busy, including the monthly outreach in the village of Greenpoint. The school year is winding down and they will take the whole month of December off so it will slow down a little then. We're praying that the Lord has used us to build a good foundation this first year that we can build off of when school resumes in January. We are planning to have a **"Missions Emphasis" month** in November. It will be the very first time for most of the people to hear and learn about the ministry of missions. We are praying that by the first of the year our church will be able to begin supporting missionaries!

We are also in the planning stages to present a **"Live Nativity"** here in the city at Christmas. When we moved to Kimberley last year, we noticed very little emphasis on Christ at Christmas. So, our church wants to change that by presenting a live nativity that will put forth the message that Christ should be the center of Christmas. We will be setting up in a park located in a heavily-travelled part of the city. The church people will be dressed in costume and we hope to have a few live animals as well. A table will be set up nearby to hand out gospel tracts and hopefully witness to people. This has never been done in our city before and we're very excited to see God use this to *"bring...good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."*

PRAYER

- PRAY** for the all the children's outreaches that we can make a difference in their lives for Christ.
- PRAY** for Truth Baptist Church for souls to be saved, baptized, and disciplined.
- PRAY** for the "Live Nativity" to be used to bring glory to God and get people to think of Christ at Christmas.
- PRAY** for the young men in the Bible Institute as they finish up their first full year of training in November.

In Christ's Service,
The Branch Family

IMPORTANT NOTICE: As our visas will expire in January, 2019, it will be necessary for us to take **furlough** sometime next year. We are prayerfully planning to go to the States in early August, 2018 and return home to South Africa in early January, 2019. We will be staying on the eastern side of the U.S. closer to our home base for this furlough, and will plan to visit the Midwest and West on our next furlough. **If you would like to schedule us for a visit during this time, please email me at preachkjb1@aol.com or call me at 434-688-0632 (please keep in mind that as of Nov. 3rd, we are seven hours ahead of EST).**



Blessed Grandparents!



We love the children!