



# THE BRANCH FAMILY

SERVING THE LORD IN THE CITY OF KIMBERLEY, SOUTH AFRICA  
EVANGELISM - DISCIPLESHIP - CHURCH PLANTING

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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, 2019**

It's been a great two months! God has blessed in many ways thanks to your faithful prayers and support!

**PERSONAL**

Many of you must have been praying for rain, because we have seen several rainy days recently! And we have enjoyed every precious drop! Water levels are going back up and the yard is actually GREEN again!

We had one of the nicest Christmas times since coming to South Africa as a family. We do still miss our family back in the States, but the church here is a lot like family to us. We enjoyed a good time of sharing food, fellowship, and fun with the dear people here, which made it a lot more enjoyable.

**MINISTRY**

November was "Missions/Biblical Stewardship" Month. All month we preached on missions and Biblical giving. The people are responding with obedient and faithful giving so that the church can provide for its needs and also support missions. We are thankful that God is allowing the church to support two Independent Baptist South African missionary families: one serving in Russia, and the other in Zimbabwe.

On the last Sunday in November, a young man by the name of Chriswill was saved following the morning service. He had moved to Kimberley recently to play for the local professional rugby team. He had attended the Bible Baptist Church in Potchefstroom a few times while in college and they had told him about our church. He grew up in a religion that taught reformed theology and had assumed he was a Christian. After seeing that he was indeed a sinner, he gladly bowed his head in repentance and received Christ as His Saviour!

The new church plant in Greenpoint is doing very well! We have already seen the attendance record broken a few times with a high of 34. One lady in particular has been faithful to attend each and every Sunday and is steadily bringing in her family and friends. What a joy to see these people so happy about their new church! We have submitted paperwork with local authorities about obtaining a piece of land for the church and hope to hear something soon. In the meantime, the school hall is working very nicely. With the help of God, Bro. Wonder and his family are going to do a great work in this community for many years!

On Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, our church presented a "Live Nativity" display in one of the local malls. Alongside the display, we were able to relay the Christmas story straight from the pages of God's word and sing Christmas carols. Hundreds of people passed by, some stopping to comment and take pictures. Best of all, we were able to give out 300 New Testaments and over 750 tracts and invitations to church. We know God will bless this effort to magnify Him and spread His word among the people here.

We are looking forward to the new year and getting back to the busy-ness of ministry. Soon, school classes will start back and we can once again share the word with hundreds of children through Bible studies and morning assemblies. The Truth Bible Institute will get started back soon and I will be working to teach and train Bro. Sarodien, the young man who recently announced his call to preach. On the last Sunday in January, we will celebrate the third anniversary of the Truth Baptist Church. We're praying for a record number to join us in this celebration! What a great way to start the year!

**PRAYER AND PRAISES**

**PRaise** the Lord for the gospel being shared with hundreds of people and souls being saved!  
**PRaise** the Lord for all of you who were able to send us extra support and gifts for Christmas!

**PRAY** for the Greenpoint Baptist Church and the process of obtaining land for the church.  
**PRAY** for the Truth Baptist Church to grow greatly this coming year, both spiritually AND numerically.

In Christ's Service,  
The Branch Family



Live Nativity Display



Bro. Wonder's  
Graduation