



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

JULY/AUGUST, 2019

Greetings from sunny South Africa! It's amazing to reflect on all that God has done over the past two months!

PERSONAL

This past month, my family and I were able to take a week-long trip back to the Mpumalanga area for a little "R&R" as they call it. It was a much-needed **time spent together as a family** and we enjoyed every minute of it. From a guided safari through Kruger Park to a trip up into the mountains, God gave us a joyous time!

Malachi has started his final year of school and Anna has started 11th grade. It's amazing to see our kids grow up and begin making plans for the future. Please pray for them as they move forward with their lives for God.

MINISTRY

Where do I start?? First, we praise the Lord for **souls saved!** On the first Sunday in July, **Jan DeBruin**, the husband of Hester (who was baptized in June) was gloriously saved. He had witnessed the change in his wife since she had gotten saved and started coming to church. This lost religious man soon got under conviction and gladly received Christ. Then, two weeks ago, Bro. Sarodien was able to lead **Emmie** to the Lord. She is a resident of the Sally Aucamp Home for the disabled where he has been speaking.

On the 21st of July, **Bro. Sarodien publicly announced that God has called him to preach!** We have immediately started training him in the Bible institute and he is doing very well. He has a faithful, loving, supportive wife and two beautiful little boys. He is already proving himself to be a leader in the church, a soulwinner, and an able preacher. We believe God has great things in store for this young man and his family.

Yet **another door of ministry** has opened. We have been invited to address the students at Kimberley Boys High each week during their morning assembly. This will enable us to share God's Word with between 250-400 young men each week. Along with the current ministries at the primary school and preschool, this gives us the privilege to speak to **over 600 students each week** ranging in age from 3 to 19!

And finally, **God has answered a great prayer!!** Ever since we landed in Kimberley, we have been burdened to plant a church in the community of Greenpoint. This community of over 25,000 residents is perhaps the most impoverished of our city. Limited access to public transportation hinders most of them from coming to our church. There are no Baptist churches in Greenpoint, and the churches that are there do not preach the true gospel. After over two years of conducting community outreach and monthly childrens' ministry, God has given us a good testimony among the people and we believe that planting a church there would bring a great harvest for the Lord. After weeks of searching and praying, **God has opened the door for a meeting place.** The Greenpoint High School has given us the go-ahead to use one of their classrooms on a temporary basis and we will start there this Sunday! This church plant will be funded and supported completely by the Truth Baptist Church. Bro. Wonder Sishi, who is soon to complete Bible Institute, will preach each Sunday and we believe he will eventually become the pastor. Thank you for praying with us in this matter. We are so excited to see all that God will do in this needy community!

PRAYER AND PRAISES

PRAISE the Lord for souls being saved and lives being changed!

PRAISE the Lord for new ministries and doors that only He could open!

PRAY for Bro. Sarodien Graaff and his family as he begins his Bible training.

PRAY for Bro. Wonder Sishi and his family, and the new church plant in Greenpoint.

PRAY for my family and for God to keep His hand upon us in this work.



Kimberley Boys High School



Bro. Sarodien Graaff

In Christ's Service,
The Branch Family