



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

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 2019

Greetings from hot and dry South Africa! God has been doing wondrous things since our last report. Your faithful prayers are being answered and we are grateful!

PERSONAL

One of the most challenging parts of living in Kimberley is getting used to how dry it is. Our city is situated in an area between the Kalahari Desert to the north and the Karoo Desert to the south. In other words, we are smack-dab in the middle of one of the driest areas of South Africa! Normally, we can only expect about a dozen "rainy" days per year. But this year, it's been drier than normal. We haven't seen measurable rainfall since MAY!! When it finally does rain, the Branch family is planning on going outside and just standing in it!!

Anna celebrated her sixteenth birthday in September. It is hard to believe our youngest is that old! She is excited about finishing up school in a couple of years and living out God's plan for her life. Always keep our children in your prayers.

MINISTRY

Bro. Wonder Sishi started taking courses in our Bible Institute in February, 2017. After three years of diligent, faithful study, he will take his final class this month and graduate in December. We are so excited to see all that God is going to do with this young man and his family!

Bro. Sarodien Graaff preached his first message last month and is now attending weekly Bible Institute classes. He and his family are faithfully active in the ministry and we are also excited to see all that God will do through this young man's life.

The new church plant in Greenpoint has done very well in its first two months. The church is currently meeting in the local high school assembly hall. Attendance has been steadily growing and the people seem excited to have the church in their community. Bro. Wonder is preaching each Sunday and God is beginning to open the hearts of the people to the gospel.

With the assurance of God that it is His will to establish this church, we are already looking into the possibility of obtaining a small plot of land in the community on which to build a permanent structure. Since the land is owned by the local government, we must be granted their approval. God has given us good favor with Mr. Norman Maditse, the Ward Councilor of Greenpoint, and he is assisting us in all necessary application procedures and documentation with the local municipality. At this point, we are very early in the process gathering the requested documentation to be submitted and approved. We do not currently have a timeline as to when or even if the purchase can be made, but Mr. Maditse said he will do all that he can to help push it through on our behalf.

We are asking you to pray for God to work in the hearts of the people involved and for the need to be met in this great venture for God. We will keep you regularly posted as we go through this process if any funds or further special prayers are needed.

PRAYER AND PRAISES

PRAISE the Lord for new ministries begun for His glory!

PRAISE the Lord for preachers being called and trained in the gospel ministry!

PRAY for the Greenpoint Baptist Church and the process of obtaining land for the church.

PRAY for the Truth Baptist Church as we are having "Missions Emphasis Month" in November.

PRAY for RAIN!!

In Christ's Service,
The Branch Family



Jan DeBruin baptized



Bro. Wonder preaching