

Dear Praying Friends,

April 15, 2018

One of our main prayer burdens for this year has been the addition of families to the ministry of Bible Baptist Church. The Lord has been gracious to give us many individuals or partial families, but we have yet to see a husband and wife or a mom, dad, and children join the church. Lately, we have seen progress to that end.

Families

To begin, please pray for Mesmer Zouzoua. Although he has not yet joined the church, he is very close to doing so. Nathan has nearly completed a discipleship course with him. He is actually one of the most faithful people though he has not yet joined the church! Mesmer is burdened for his family, and we ask that you would pray for his wife, children, and grandchildren to be saved and that they would start attending church. Please pray that he would be encouraged to be a spiritual leader in his family in family devotions and prayer.

During our short time in the USA to renew our visas, a Zimbabwean family started attending the services. For the past few weeks they have been more faithful. Patson and Diana have three girls and formerly attended a Baptist church in Zimbabwe. Recently, during visitation, we wanted to visit them, but didn't know where they lived. The Lord led us, as we drove aimlessly through Kempton Park, to stop our car right in front of their apartment building. While talking to other people, their nephew Brian saw us, and led us right to their house!

Before we had even entered Patson and Diana's apartment complex, Nathan started talking to another man who was washing his car. Like many people do, Thami (Tommy) promised to come to church on Sunday. To avoid offending someone, most people here will readily make promises like that. When he showed up at church the next day with his family, we were pleasantly surprised. We invited Thami and his wife, Mandisa, to our house for Sunday afternoon dinner. They gladly accepted, and we had a very profitable spiritual conversation about salvation and the false teachings being heard in many churches.

What a blessing it would be to see these three families join the body of believers here in Kempton Park. Some will need to be saved, others will need to take steps in surrender, and spiritual mountains will need to be moved; but with God all things are possible! “For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.” (Mark 11:23)

Salvation Testimony

Last Sunday, Laura was blessed to have a child come to her after Sunday School wanting to be saved. Laura was able to share with her the Gospel, and because of the truth she had been hearing the previous weeks, she was like a ripe fruit that was waiting to be picked—she readily accepted Christ. The joy in her countenance was evident. Please pray that Praise would grow in her new-found faith in Christ, and be a serious disciple.

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National Pastor

Another focus of prayer we would like to emphasize this year is the training of a national pastor. Please pray that the Lord of the harvest would call a man to labor long term with the people of Kempton Park. The church here has already had several missionaries invest countless hours of labor in it, and we are burdened to see a faithful national called to pastor the people of Bible Baptist Church. Please also pray that the people of BBC in general would get a burden to reach their Jerusalem with the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ. We have seen steps of growth in tithing, faithfulness, and other areas, and we trust these will only be the first-fruits of great things to come.

Prayer Meetings

A recent focus of the Wednesday evening prayer service has been having a genuine time of prayer, and not just a quick prayer meeting. As you pray for BBC, pray that God would grant the church an earnest desire to meet with Him each week.

Family Life

With four children, ages five and below, our home never lacks energy! We ask that you would pray that each of our children: Peter, Seth, Heidi, and Titus would come to know the Lord at an early age. Please pray for our family's spiritual protection. The area in which we minister has many normally hidden evils that are very publically displayed.

May God bless you for your faithful prayers and financial support for our family and ministry in South Africa.

The Roberts Family

Nathan, Laura, Peter, Seth, Heidi, and Titus

