



# The Johnsons In South Africa

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

Galatians 6:9

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

January 2022 marked thirteen years for our family in South Africa! As we think back on all that God has done in our life and ministry during this time, we are amazed at His provision, love, and protection. The years have passed so quickly and we are excited to see how God will continue to work in the years ahead. The field of South Africa is "ripe unto harvest" and the opportunities for ministry and soul winning are many. We continue to pray that God would send more labourers to work in the harvest.

Hope Baptist Church continues to grow in the Lord. Over the last few months, we have seen many visitors come and some begin to regularly attend services.. One lady named Sylvia, has attended with her 2 children since we moved in October. She has been at every service and event we have held since her first visit. She was saved many years ago, but had fallen away from walking with the Lord. We have seen her grow so much in the past few months and praise the Lord she recently was baptized and joined Hope Baptist Church! We were able to have our first baptism service in over 2 years and we rejoiced in the 9 who were willing to take this step of obedience. God is doing some tremendous things as we are seeing people saved, and many that are making right things in their lives and surrendering to God's will and plan. Please continue to pray for God's wisdom and provision as we make plans to begin construction on a church building in the near future.



I would like to share testimony of a young man we have ministered to for many years. Mduduzi trusted Christ in 2017, and was excited and began growing in the Lord. Sadly, he got caught up with the wrong friends who led him into drugs and he no longer attended church. We would see him every now and then in the community and his life was a mess because of his drug addiction. One night he showed up at our services and was completely out of his mind as he threatened and cursed at me. He has been in and out of church services and Bible studies throughout the past number of years, without any real change. However, back in October he showed up to one of the church services and there was something different, he was coherent, and actually made sense when you spoke to him. Over the past several months he has attended church faithfully as well as joining our H.O.P.E addictions program. He studies his Bible and is able to answer questions in the group discussions. He has become a new young man and we have been amazed at what God has done in his life, he still has some issues to work thru and has some permanent physical damage that his life of drug use has caused, but Mduduzi is such an amazing example of what God can do in the life of someone who gets saved and learns to love the Lord and walk with Him. It also reminds us that our effort and labour for the Lord is not in vain, so keep on keeping on!

The Bible Institute reopened in January and we are glad to welcome 6 students this year, 2 young ladies and 4 young men. God is doing some wonderful things in the lives of these young people and we are encouraged to see their desire and zeal for Him. Please continue to keep them in your prayers. As in many cases around the world the cost of day to day living has increased. We are asking you to pray along with us that God would increase the support for the Bible Institute either thru one time love gifts or churches/individuals that would take on the Institute for monthly support. If you should desire to give toward the this ministry please send the funds to our supporting church and designate to SRBI. God has always provided and we know He will continue to use His people to support His work here in South Africa.

Our family is doing well and we praise the Lord for providing health and strength to serve Him. We are in the process of planning a 3 month furlough (June-August) primarily to visit family, take care of needed paperwork, and spend time getting reacquainted with our home church. We would appreciate your prayers as we plan flights, meetings and schedules! We ask that you would also pray for wisdom as we work out details concerning the work and ministries here and the best way to prepare them for our absence. We have also had to submit visa renewals and would ask you to pray that we would get them approved quickly and without any difficulties. Thank you for your love and prayers as well as financial support. We are privileged to partner with you in reaching souls in South Africa.

Gratefully Serving the Saviour,  
Jeremy, Rebekah,  
Titus, Tanner, Tayden & Tianna

## Ministry Update January-February 2022

### Prayer Requests:

- ◆ People to be saved
- ◆ More labourers
- ◆ Safety/Health of our family
- ◆ SRBI students
- ◆ Hope Baptist Church—to be strengthened and to grow
- ◆ Building Plans and approvals for Hope Baptist Church

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*"To give light to them  
that sit in darkness and  
in the shadow of  
death..."  
Luke 1:79*