

# the **AARON FAMILY** Missionaries to South Africa



Hello Churches and praying friends,

We hope you have had a good start to 2024!

We wanted the beginning of the year to start off full of life, so we held a visitor contest at church. Anyone who brought a teen or adult visitor to church earned points. We had several people work hard and through the seven weeks of the contest, we had a total of 34 new visitors attend Compassion Baptist Fellowship! We awarded first, second, and third place prizes to those who earned the most points. It was good to see new faces in church almost every Sunday and the competition was steep!

On the last Sunday of the contest, we had a Friends and Family Sunday, and there were 71 people in our morning service, a record high for a church service attendance. We invited Annatjie and Andre, a sweet couple that we met when we first moved to South Africa to come and share their miraculous testimony with the church that day. Andre nearly passed away with a brain infection in early 2020, but after a rough six-month journey, he had recovered so much that he was able to return home. They attribute all the glory to God, and serve Him faithfully in their daily lives. They pray daily for us and our ministry and for other missionaries around the world. We always enjoy hearing their story, and so did our church. It was a truly great Sunday!

We had a Valentine's Ladies Fellowship for our ladies. They exchanged prayer requests and had a time of prayer for each other, and we also introduced the secret sister idea, which caught on quickly. They are excited to love and encourage each other now.

As we've mentioned before, we like to take the teenagers and kids to play soccer at the park on Sunday afternoons. Because we have one bus, the young people would have to wait around at the church until the adults were dropped off and the bus was back. Then we'd drive about 20 minutes or more to a soccer field. A few months ago, we discovered that there was an old municipal field across from our church, hidden by overgrown brush. We contacted the city council about it, and they gave us permission to clear the land and maintain it. Bro. Malcolm and I and some of the teen boys and other men have spent many full days in the sun clearing the land and building soccer goals. There were also a few old swing set frames, so we built and installed new swings for the younger children. We can now head over to the field as soon as church is over, without having to wait on the bus. We have also used the field for outdoor games on Teen Nights. It is a huge blessing to have use of the land so close to our church!

I have plans to clear more of it and add more equipment in the future.

One of our young ladies, Isebel, has begun working for the church as a secretary, keeping logistic and financial records. She is also taking over the Sunday School and Junior Church classes while we are on furlough, and so far she is doing a fantastic job.

We also have a lady who is in charge of the cleaning every week, and Derwin does a great job handling the media on Sundays and keeping track of attendance.

Bro. Malcolm is doing a wonderful job with the teens. He has been teaching them about social media. Last week, he asked them to prepare a debate about the advantages and pitfalls of TikTok. We were blown away by the research and preparation they all put into it. Both sides came up with some great arguments. It was an awesome way to get them involved and thinking.

We are so thankful to see people growing and gaining responsibility.

And we're thankful for your love, prayers, and support.

We are so very grateful for what God is doing here in Chatsworth, South Africa, and we are grateful to you for being part of it through your love, prayers, and support. By the way, If you would like to contact me you can do so by email or by calling or messaging on Whatsapp to +270630786302. Thank you for reading this update!

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