



The Johnsons In South Africa

August – October 2025

“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” 2 Timothy 2:2

Greetings from South Africa,

The last few months have been a mixture of both joys and sorrows, beginning with funerals just a week apart at both churches. At Solid Rock Baptist Church, a lady named Clara, who has attended the church for many, many years, went to be with the Lord. She was well known, and the funeral was well attended by both her family and friends, many of whom used to attend the church. God blessed, and gave great liberty in preaching on Heaven and Hell both being prepared places, and asking the question “Which one is prepared for you?” Many people whose hearts have been hardened by sin, listened attentively. Please pray for those in need of salvation, and those that need to repent of sin and return to the Lord. Just a week later at Hope Baptist Church, a man named Sbusiso, (we wrote about his salvation in January) passed away suddenly. His funeral preparations were a difficult time, as his sisters and extended family had much fighting amongst themselves, and made decisions about the funeral proceedings based on culture and money instead of God’s Word; leading the men of the church to make the decision that the church could not conduct the funeral. Even though it was not an easy decision, it was encouraging to see these men stand up for what pleases God.

As we came to the month of September, it was time for our missions conference. We spent several weeks preaching and teaching about why and how as a church we biblically practice missions. Both churches then gathered together and we were blessed to have one of our first Bible Institute students, Dankie Mzimba, who is faithfully serving the Lord, come and preach for us. Both churches committed to increased missions giving, and are excited to begin supporting some others that we have prayed for. Many of our people are not working, and only a few have steady jobs; yet it is a joy to see them choosing to sacrifice because they desire that others would hear about Jesus Christ.

This last weekend, October 19th, was an exciting time for us as we ordained two men to the ministry. Bro. Marcus Magagula and Bro. Raymond Kgotso, both came to know the Lord as youth, both graduated from our Bible Institute, and both married godly young ladies that also graduated from the Institute. Both of these men have been faithfully serving the Lord and assisting in the ministries here, while also working part-time jobs to provide for their families. As we have watched them faithfully serving the Lord, God has shown that it is time to ordain them and call them as Assistant Pastors. It is a great joy and blessing to see God’s hand on their lives, and we are excited for what God will do as we labour together. Please pray for them, and perhaps even consider supporting them, that they might be able to devote more of their time into ministry.

The next several months are busy times of ministry and we value your prayers. We will be busy with youth camps during December and preparing for our large children’s outreach in January at Hope Baptist Church. We thank the Lord that He graciously provided some extra finances that enabled us to do some much needed vehicle repairs, and we continue to pray that God will supply for the ministry opportunities that are coming as well as enable us to finish the construction at Hope Baptist Church. You can view an updated video on the building by clicking on this link:

[HBC Video Update](#)

Our family is all well and are blessed to be serving God here. Please pray especially for the application for Permanent Residence to be finalized for my wife and the children. Our oldest son, Titus, will graduate at the end of October, (it is hard to believe how quickly the years have gone by!) He is a great help and blessing in the ministries, and we ask that you would pray for him as he seeks God’s will.

Gratefully Serving the Saviour,

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



Raymond, Bongwiwe, and Isak Kgotso



Marcus, Mathapelo, Enzo, Zenzo Magagula