Ministry Update



Spring and warm weather are on the way here in Cape Town! The last few months have been cold and rainy, but now with longer days and sunshine, we look forward to a season of growth. The church has been doing well despite the cold and sickness going around. We have seen steady attendance and even some visitors over the winter. Typically from now until the end of the year, we see an increase in engagement across our ministry, and we are hoping, praying, and preparing for that again. We are especially excited about the increased engagement with the Word! We are starting a sermon series in Romans, and we offered study Bibles to anyone who would like to read, study, and prepare in the week, and quite a few people have taken them! We are really teaching that studying God's Word is for all believers, not just those called to preach or teach. It was great to see so many interested in this resource, and we pray this results in spiritual growth that lasts a lifetime. What a blessing to be able to distribute the Word of God.

We mentioned in our last letter that our family has rented a house about ten minutes away from the church. We are so thankful to finally have a backyard for our family, but even more importantly, we are praying that God would allow us to start another small group in this area that would result in another church plant. We have had our eye on this area for several years, and we believe a church community in this section of town is desperately needed! Would you pray with us that God would increase our influence in this area? It can be difficult to meet neighbors and people in the community with everyone having walls around their properties and homes, but God is already opening up opportunities. Please pray that God would allow the growth of a church community in this area!

At the end of August, our church in Sea Point celebrated its fourth anniversary! Every year, we have a big service followed by lunch for the entire church. We had around 65 people in attendance celebrating God's faithfulness to our church community! It was a wonderful day of fellowship and worship, and we had a number of visitors who have been attending since. Around that same time, our church voted to financially support a South African church planter who is actively planting in communities that are difficult for us to reach. We already support two South African missionaries to other countries; so this family will be our third. Our family has obviously been so blessed by dozens of churches and individuals who support our ministry here in Cape Town, and it felt so amazing to teach our church here to do the same. The church is a direct result of the generosity of people like you, and they whole-heartedly agreed that we should be equally generous in our support of other ministries.

Family Update

Toward the beginning of August, we received some difficult news. It was discovered that Megan's mom, Collette, has breast cancer. This news obviously sent shockwaves through our family as we considered all that this would entail. She decided pretty quickly to have a double mastectomy to hopefully remove all of the cancer. Megan flew home to be with her during the procedure and for about a week of recovery. It was a blessing for Megan to be there, but obviously a difficult time. The surgery went according to plan, but some additional cancer was discovered. We are still waiting on the complete plan, but at the moment, they are scheduling a second surgery to remove cancer in the chest wall, and most likely radiation treatment. It looks like chemotherapy is not necessary at this stage, which is an answer to prayer, but we are all anxious for this to be completely taken care of. We know this was no surprise to God, and that He is at work in the midst of the uncertainty. We pray this will remind us of our complete reliance on Him for all of life, and we already sense Him drawing close to each of us. Please pray with us for this, and that God would heal her completely of all cancer! After spending about two weeks in Dallas with her parents, Megan is now back in Cape Town. It's very difficult for her to be so far away from her mom with all of the doctors' appointments and procedures coming up. Please also pray for Megan.