



The McCrum Family

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Sep - Nov

Our Dear Friends,

This year has been one of much growth and excitement, and then this last quarter everything changed: some have moved away, attendance cut in half, and great profession with poor practice from many in the church.

Children’s Ministry. We have asked for your prayers in the past as we contemplated starting a Children’s Church ministry on a Sunday morning. This first year has been one of challenges and growth as we’ve seen several new families with children continue to attend, as well as several faithful workers moving away. We have been averaging three to five children each week, most of them little girls, four or five years old. We’ve included a picture so you can pray for these precious little ones by name. Left to right are John (who’s still in the nursery), Mieke (“Mikka”), Sarjana, and Priantha. Please also pray for more faithful workers who are willing to be trained for this ministry, as the responsibility is being carried by Julie, David’s mom Darlene, and one other faithful lady.



Immergroen. This ministry had been going well and is providing another opportunity for church people to be involved in the life of the church. Stanley Abraham has been organizing it each month, and various ones are able to lead and preach (Sthembiso pictured). We have several faithful families who make it a priority to come and encourage the elderly. We’ve had from five to seventeen residents in attendance, most of whom are starving for attention and love. In the month of November, we’re planning a special Christmas service for them, complete with carols, snacks and goodie bags.



Radio. Earlier this year we were also asked “if we would like” to have a free monthly radio slot! I have been preaching monthly on Radio Kragbron (96 FM, Witbank) to a listening audience of 100,000—400,000. This is primarily an Afrikaans station, and it was a real surprise and privilege to be one of the few English speakers. Please pray that the gospel will bear fruit that remains.

A missionary’s goal must always include **national leadership** if a church is to become indigenous. Apart from our two faithful deacon families there is not much willingness to share the day-to-day responsibilities of the church. These past few months have been very slow and low in attendance. Sometimes we wonder, “Where did everybody go?” Several have indicated a desire to assist in various roles, yet they will not take the necessary steps—faithfulness, baptism, membership, etc. Please pray that God would give us South Africans who are willing to labour.

Thank you for your prayers and thoughts. So many have sent cards and notes in recent months; they are much appreciated.

Yours very truly,
David, Julie, and John

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