



Hile Happenings



"Working as a team to build churches that are actively reaching the world."

1st Quarter - 2006

Prayer Partners:

Philippians 4:19-20 - "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

God is good! We have experienced the truth of those verses many times since being in South African. Presently, we are really being challenged to trust God to meet all of our needs. We are excited to see the ways He has provided in some areas, and we are still waiting for Him to provide in other areas. And we are clinging to the truth of those verses as we wait.

Areas God Has Provided

God has done so many amazing things with our new church plant, *The Community Connection*. The only thing we can say is, "Wow, look what God has done!"

The Community Connection began its Sunday Services in the middle of October of last year. The official grand opening was held on 5 November. We praise the Lord that we had 50 people attend the grand opening. On Christmas day we had 52 people. In four out of the last five Sundays, we've had over 40 in attendance. Here's a brief summary of God's provision for this new church plant.



Pre-service activity @ *The Community Connection*

- changed venues once, we are currently meeting in an office block in a business park (God has provided with the giving to be able to pay for the rent of this venue)
- Mira Spring, neighbor lady, from Bulgaria married to a SA man, trusted Christ
- growth of the church
- 11 people in our first membership class (2 of the men are unsaved)
- men and women in the church are serving in the areas of setup, tea duty, and crèche duty (nursery)
- good number of men attending the church who have leadership potential
- short-termer, Eric Wagenmaker serving with us for 3 months in the area of music/youth



Mira at Bible Study

God has also answered our prayers for our children. They are adjusting well to their new school. It was a very big challenge for them on the first day, but they are settling in nicely and making friends. Sara is still adjusting to her new running routine as she does not have a large group to run with in the mornings like she had in Durban North.

Pray for Bobby as he will be heading to Hong Kong and China for a 2-week ministry trip in March. He and Pastor Vic Willis will be representing our Team at the Commissioning service of Barnabas Cheung in Hong Kong. Barnabas and his family are part of the ABWE Fellowship in Hong Kong. They are coming to Durban to plant churches among the Chinese population in South Africa, the largest un-reached people group in the country. Bobby and Vic will then head up to China to meet with leaders to see the work and explore ways we can be involved in partnering. Pray for Sara and the kids while he is gone, as well as the church.



Eric preparing for service

Areas We Are Waiting for God to Provide

God is good! There are so many exciting things happening here! However, the joy over these things has been hampered a bit by the dark cloud of our monthly financial support. In spite of the response of a couple churches and individuals, we are still short in our monthly support by \$500. We are also losing another supporter in June. We've been able to float our ministry by using personal funds. However, those funds have run dry. We do not know what to do as this situation has gone way beyond both concern and crisis. Please pray that God would provide the funds we need to continue to serve here.

We appreciate your prayers on our behalf!!

In Christ,

Bobby + Sara



Praises:

1. Our children are adjusting well to new school.
2. Church Plant has begun!
3. God is bringing lost people to minister to!
4. 11 people in first membership class.
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Prayer Requests:

1. Salvation for the following:
 - a. Grant
 - b. Kevin
 - c. Patrick
 - d. Pierre
 - e. Judy
2. Continued growth of church.
3. Land.
4. Male leadership in our church.
5. Our Monthly Support shortage.

Forthcoming Attractions:

March

- 16-29 - Trip to H.K./China
- 17 - Jr. Youth
- 19 - SS Teacher Training
- 24 - Sr. Youth
- 25 - Ladies Meeting
- 31 - Men's Breakfast

April

- 7-9 - Family Retreat
- 21 - Teen Leadership Conf.

May

- 6 - Car Wash Outreach
- 28 - Coffee Connection

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