



# Hile Happenings



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

Prayer Partners:

Greetings to all of you! We trust this note finds you all encouraged in the Lord. For those in North America I'm sure it finds you anxiously awaiting spring!!

*Philippians 4:6 says, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”*

*Transition - “a passing from one condition, form, stage, activity, place, etc. to another.”*



Bobby's OT Survey Class

Nothing has the power to create anxious feelings like a moment of transition. Passing from one thing to the next often raises questions like, “Is this the right thing?” “How is this going to turn out?” “I don't see where to go from here!” “Lord, help!” However, when a person faces multiple transitions at once, these questions and concerns are compounded and can leave one feeling paralyzed.

2005 is a year of many transitions for the Hile family. We are transitioning out of our ministry at Fellowship Baptist Church in Durban North. Bobby has transitioned out of leading the Area-Wide youth committee after 11 years. Bobby is also transitioning out of his role as the Coordinator for our Durban IMPACT program. Lord willing, later this year, we will be transitioning out of our current house as we hope to move into a new area where we will begin a new church plant. **PRAY** for that transition as the cost of housing in South Africa has sky-rocketed in the past 2 years.

So, what have we transitioned in to? Bobby has transitioned into the role of Team Leader for our Durban field. This has brought on new responsibilities. This is an expansion from his role as Field Council Chairman last year. **PRAY** for him as he desires to provide effective leadership for the Team. With our new ministry plans, Bobby is making the transition to Church Planter. He's begun the research process for locating a new area for the work. **PRAY** for him as does demographic studies, meets with town planners, thinks through methodologies and then prayerfully makes a decision as to where to go.



As many of you know, transitions can sometimes be unsettling as we are creatures who enjoy consistency, routine, and who like to avoid change. Our children exhibit those characteristics, especially the last one. **PRAY** for Abigail, Andrew, and Christopher as the idea of transitioning to a new school becomes a reality at the end of the year. **PRAY** that they would adjust well to both a new school and a new house.

Our primary prayer request is the finding of a house. We have never owned a home in the almost 14 years we've been married. We would like to purchase one, but we're not sure it's even a possibility. **PRAY** for wisdom. Have we mentioned prayer yet?

**Praise** the Lord with us that the youth ministry at Fellowship continues to grow. We have seen a consistent number of teens coming each Friday (27). We have had the teens teaching the devos

each week and God has been using them to minister to their peers. **PRAY** for Graham & Tarryn, Rob & Mary, and Vanessa, who are the adult youth leaders Bobby is training. They are doing a great job. Continue to **PRAY** for this transition.

On a different note, **Praise** the Lord for raising up potential Team members. In February, we hosted a delegation from the ABWE Fellowship in Hong Kong. Barnabas Chung, his family, and representatives from his church and mission board came to Survey the need for Chinese church planting in South Africa. Our Team approved this idea of church planting as we discovered that the Chinese population is the largest un-reached people group in South Africa. Our Fellowship of Churches came together for a special service in which Po Wan, Director of Chinese Ministries at ABWE, was the keynote speaker. **PRAY** for Barnabas and his family as they desire to come to Durban being ministry by September 2006.

**Praise** the Lord for His provision for us! We are still in Durban! However, we have transitioned into a new phase of our ministry life. This new phase is an “under-supported” phase. We've been in this phase for several months. This week we found out that a supporting church has dropped us due to their financial restrictions. That now places us at about **\$355 short** in our monthly support account. Our financial demise is compounded by the fact that the dollar is incredibly weak against the South African Rand. Each month we go into the hole in our ministry account as the cost of living is exceeding the strength of the dollar. Please **PRAY for our support situation**. We appreciate your prayers so much!

**Pray for:**

1. Bobby as he leads our Team.
2. Wisdom in selecting target area for new church plant.
3. Housing Need.
4. Hile children when they transition into new house and new school.
5. Pray for youth leaders Bobby is training.
6. The remainder of our transition at Fellowship.
7. Our lack of financial support
8. Barnabas Chun & Family

**Praise:**

1. God's Love
2. God's Provision
3. Growth of Teenagers
4. Attendance at Youth
5. 35 in Bobby's OT class at the Bible College
6. Chinese Survey Team

In Christ,

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