

Ministry Annual Report for 2007

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To be filled out by each couple or individually and sent to your regional administrator by January 31, 2007.

A. Give a one or two sentence summary of your ministry assignment.

We are working with "The Community Connection" a church plant started in November of 2005. Bobby also served as Team Leader, taught at the Bible College, and served on the Church Planting Committee. Sara served on the orientation committee and social committee.

B. What special blessings and highlights did you experience in ministry during the past year?

Watching the church grow continues to be a huge blessing. We are amazed every Sunday that people keep coming back. God has demonstrated His faithfulness to us over and over again. We were able to see God provide the Cinema completely to our church for half the price of the current market value for rental. We now have access to our venue 7 days/week. We've watched the men in our church organize the painting of the cinema and the purchase of 150 brand new chairs at no cost to the church. We've watched the men in the church organize an air-conditioning unit for the church at no cost to the church. We've watched one of our men step into the role of leading a community group. We've watched ladies step into the role of SS teacher. We've watched the church pull-off an amazing Holiday Bible Club. Our True Love Waits ministry presented in 4 different schools in the area and ran follow-up programs in 2 of those schools.-----not enough space to tell of God's work in Ballito.

C. What difficulties did you encounter in ministry during the past year?

1. Time management continues to be a challenge. Responsibilities with church planting ministry and the team related ministries.
2. Searching for land and a new venue.
3. Developing the men. We have potential, but trying to get schedules sorted out so that we can have quality training time has been a challenge.
4. Needing more SS teachers as SS ministry continues to grow.

D. List at least 5 key short range ministry goals for the past year and rate your progress for each (A = accomplished, S = some progress, N = no progress, D = dropped). Comment about factors that contributed to progress for each goal, or identify reasons why no progress was made or the goal was dropped.

1. Find new venue and/or land. – A - S

Comments:

This one was accomplished, but it's also an on-going task with a church plant that meets in a facility we don't own. God was very gracious to us. We were able to stay at the cinema and have the lease entirely to ourselves for half of what the market price is. This will enable our venue task team to focus it's energies on finding land.

Land is available here, but the price is quite high with all of the development going on. It will take an act of God to get us what we need for a permanent location.

