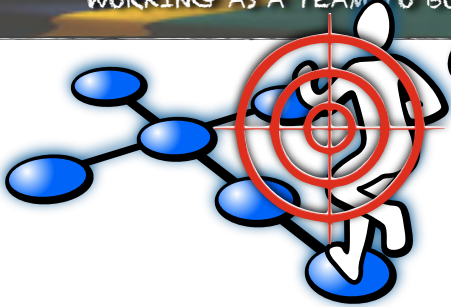


File Happenings

2nd Quarter 2011

Ballito, South Africa

"WORKING AS A TEAM TO BUILD CHURCHES THAT ARE ACTIVELY REACHING THE WORLD."



"Under Attack"

"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong." - 1 Cor. 16:13 (ESV)

Take a quick look at the dictionary. Start at the beginning with the letter "a." Move down to the words that start with "a-t-t." Find the word attack. Here's what it says: "**at*tack** [ə'tak] verb - take aggressive action against with weapons or armed force, typically in a battle or war."

Now, turn to the "s" section and look up the word "subtle." Here's what it says: "**sub*tle** ['sətl] adjective - so delicate or precise as to be difficult to analyze or describe."

Both words stand in stark contrast to one another. They should not even be paired together. But if you put the two of them together in this order, "subtle attack" you will understand what our church plant is currently facing.

It is difficult to analyze or describe the nature of the attack, but it is there. People's schedules are out of control. Relationships seem to be under strain. Finances are shaky. The general mood seems to reflect those tensions. The number

of public holidays and school holidays on the calendar has wreaked havoc upon our church gatherings.

We have experienced these subtle attacks at every stage of our church's growth. They are no surprise. But praise to the Lord, we are still standing.

Praise the LORD for growth.

Since our move to two services, our weekly attendance has been higher than our average attendance from last year. While that is good, the dynamic in each gathering has changed due to the smaller numbers in each. That has left some feeling like we are moving backwards. **Pray** for positive attitudes and continued growth.

Praise to the LORD for four baptisms in May. We recorded the baptisms and testimonies on video at one of our mid-week community groups. We then showed the videos at our Sunday gatherings. It was a blessed time to hear the testimonies of God's working in their lives.


Pray for our deacons. In January we commissioned our first four deacons. By April, one of them stepped down due to a crazy work schedule.

Pray for our continued land search and our housing project. Both initiatives have hit a wall that has impeded process. **Pray** that God would help us to gain traction in each.

Pray for Bobby's upcoming trip to the USA. He will be reporting to small groups of supporting churches. Please see the insert for more details.

Pray for our men's mission trip to Southeast Asia in October. Our team is not as big as initially desired, but we are excited about the opportunity to assist someone our church supports. Check out the insert for more details.

Pray for our monthly support as we are still short. The shortage plus the weakened dollar is making life difficult.

We are continually grateful for your prayers and support. We 



HOUSING PROJECT - We are desiring to build an addition to a house of one of our church members living in a very disadvantaged community. Six people live in this tiny house. The project hit a snag and lost a bit of momentum. Pray that God will provide the resources and get the ball moving again!

LAND SEARCH - We were closing in on a piece of property and now it seems as if it has alluded us. We are still pursuing but have been left in limbo by the land owner. Pray that God would show us which spot He has for us!



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT - In January we commissioned four deacons. By April, we lost one due to a crazy work schedule. Pray for the others as they too battle time management.

The Challenges before us!

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

July

4-8 - Holiday Bible Club Outreach
12-13 - FBCA Jr. Youth Camp
17 - Deacon Meeting
20-2 Aug - Team from Pleasant View Baptist Church, Wren, OH
24 - AGAPE Feast!
31 - Deacon Meeting

August

1 - Day of Fasting & Prayer
21 - Deacon Meeting
26-27 - Men's Retreat
28 - Bible College Graduation
31-15 Sep - Bobby's trip to USA

September

5 - Day of Fasting & Prayer
1-15 - Bobby in USA
17 - Dodgeball Outreach
18 - Deacon Meeting
25 - Church Direction Meeting

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Prayer Requests

Church Planting

- * multiplication of church leaders
- * seeking land and resources to build
- * growth of our morning gathering
- * growth of our evening gathering
- * God's provision for Asia trip

ABWE/FBCSA Team

- * direction for our bible college
- * lecturers for bible college
- * more church planters
- * more church developers

Hile Family

- * for our children as they continue to serve in ministry
- * for our shortage in monthly support
- * for Bobby's trip to the USA in September
- * God's provision for further studies for Bobby
- * for Bobby & Andrew as they prepare for mission trip to Southeast Asia in October

Good Soil

Evangelism & Discipleship

Our church ran a Good Soil Evangelism & Discipleship Training Day in May. Over the course of two Saturdays we spent eight hours training people in this strategic area. Good Soil was developed by a team from ABWE in Harrisburg, PA. It is not so much a seminar as it is an interactive training. The goal is not to teach evangelistic methods, but rather develop a theology of evangelism based on Jesus' parable of the good soil.

This is the third time we have ran Good Soil at our church. Twelve people participated in this round. This brings the total number of people from our church who have been through the training to almost 50. We praying that our folks will incorporate the elements of this training into their witnessing opportunities.

Connecting people to Christ is the mission statement of our church. We want our people equipped to carry out this mission. Good Soil is a tool to help our people facilitate this goals.



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Praise the Lord for the first 20!
Pray to the Lord for the next 20!

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is going to Asia!

Check the insert for more details!