

Property and New Church Building Update

We're excited to announce that Solid Rock Baptist Church officially moved to our NEW PROPERTY in August! This transition is a beautiful testament to God's grace, allowing us to save on monthly expenses and occupy a property that is completely ours. Since our move, we've welcomed new families and individuals every week. Please pray for us during this transition, as our temporary house church can feel a bit crowded with our rapid growth. Thankfully, we can accommodate the same number of people here as in our previous rental, but some Sundays we feel like we're bursting at the seams! We trust that God knows our needs and are grateful for the swift progress on our new auditorium's construction.

Blessings That Help Us Bless Others

During the school holiday, we had the opportunity to host a Soup Kitchen, and we have some exciting news! We were able to secure a new 4-burner stove, which significantly cut our time and work in cooking down. We had been praying that we could find one and were even looking into having someone help us make one to help with making the food easier and less laborious. We had never made it public that we were praying about this need. One day while Courtney was looking for supplies for the church, she saw an ad for exactly what we needed, for exactly half the price of it brand new. On top of the burners being sold, they were selling 6 large pots that could be used on it as well for less than half of their original prices. All in all, we were able to get all 6 pots, and the burner set for less than the price of a brand new 4-burner stove. God is so good! We were able to, yet again, live to see a real-life miracle from Philippians 4:19. He knew our need and without even making it public, he provided the exact thing!!

Ministry Spotlight: M.E.S. (Mould, Empower and Serve)

Each week, our church team ministers at a homeless and addiction recovery shelter in inner-city of Port Elizabeth. This is a place most people do not desire to frequent due to its higher crime rate and safety factors. For 18 months, we've committed to bringing hope and love every Sunday afternoon in the form of a full church service. We're blessed to not do this alone as a family. We have a few dedicated church members that join us in leading songs, sharing testimonies, Bible reading and participating in our service for the roughly 70+ residents. Once we have had a song service and testimony then, Matthew brings a very gospel centered sermon. Many of these people have been cut off by their families due to hard pasts and addictions. Some of the elderly are here because they have no other options than living on the street due to the lack of funding or beds at nursing homes. This leaves many feeling abandoned and vulnerable. This ministry gives a huge opportunity to share Christ's love, particularly with those at the end of their ropes, much like the prodigal son. Please pray with us that Christ becomes real to them and they see that He can meet their needs and transforms their lives.

Every week we go and minister at a homeless/addiction recovery shelter. It is in the inner city of Port Elizabeth, in a place that most don't desire to go, and many know as a place with much higher crime rate. For 18 months now, the Lord has seen fit that we go in every Sunday after our morning church service to give hope and love by hosting a complete church service for the people that stay there (about 70+/- people). One thing we love is that we don't just go as a family. A handful of people from our church go every week with us and help with the song service, specials, Bible reading and sharing testimonies and devotionals with these people before Matthew preaches a very Gospel centered sermon. Often, they feel very abandoned, vulnerable and are left wanting for just one person to not give up on them. This is a hard place to be, but it is also a wonderful opportunity for Christ to be given, as they are like the prodigal son. At the end of their rope and left with very little if anything. Please pray with us as we know that only Christ can meet their needs. He is the only one that can strengthen them and assist them in this life, while changing their desires to be more like His.

Family Update

As some of you may have seen from social media, our boys have kept us busy these last few weeks. In early September, Cullen fell off the monkey bars and hit his head on two rocks. He is doing well now but did require stitches and some physio on his neck and shoulder due to the whiplash. Eason, only a few days later, had a big tumble off a tall playground and fractured his arm. Sadly, our clinic was not open, so we had to resort to the Emergency Room. They did a great job helping us and diagnosed him with a severe buckle fracture. They put a loose cast on his arm, which, as a result, didn't immobilize his arm like maybe it should have been. Three weeks after his accident, we took him back to the doctor for his check-up. After a new x-ray was taken of his arm, it was determined that he had damaged his arm more than we had initially thought, with a buckle fracture and two hairline fractures, and would need a hard plaster cast for four more weeks. Praise the Lord; he is not in any pain, and the cast is not slowing him down even the slightest. We hope he will recover quickly and be without a cast in the next few weeks.

THE WOMACK FAMILY

Church building updates available on our YouTube channel *"Womacks to South Africa"*

If you do not receive our email updates, you are missing out on dozens of photos as well as video updates. Please contact us to get added to our email list.

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