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Below, three prayer items:

1. Mark Powell, pastor of Kraaifontein Baptist Church (Cape Town, South Africa) reports on the intended visit of the family to the USA;
2. The October Prayer Letter of Kabwata Baptist Church (Lusaka, Zambia); and
3. Jennifer Meyer's October Newsletter.

1. Family Powell's trip to the USA

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

It is October the 14th, two days before we depart for the United States. I wanted to send out an e-mail before we depart, asking you kindly to pray for us while we are abroad. God has wonderfully undertaken to supply all of our financial requirements as we travel in the States. We would covet your prayers as we visit family and share with various churches about our ministry here in South Africa. Please pray for the Lord's leading, as new partnerships develop and old ones are strengthened.

Here is my itinerary for our six weeks in the USA.

15 October – fly up to Johannesburg; stay over a night with my sister.

16 October – fly to Atlanta, arrival 17 October, 08H05 (19 hour flight; much need of grace with our kids on such a long flight).

18 to 23 October – I fly to Newark to attend the Al Martin Conference (Please pray for Sam and the kids as they spend this time with my sister and her husband – they are Jewish – in Roswell).

23 to 31 October – we spend time together with my sister and her family in Roswell.

31 October to 3 November – I fly to Bemidji, Minnesota, to meet with Pastor Tom Pollock, who has been a missionary to the Ojibwa Native Americans for 17 years. He has invited me to preach that Sunday, and he wants to share a bit about his ministry with me (please pray for God's leading as I look to the Lord with regards to developing a partnership with Tom). Sam and the kids will remain with my sister again during this period.

5 to 10 November – Lord willing we rent a car and drive up to Charlotte, North Carolina, where we will spend five days with the Living Faith Baptist church. Michael Wadhams is the pastor of the church, and has been a long standing friend of ours since we met him at college. (Please pray as I preach there on Sunday the 9th, I have been given the task of closing their missions conference off). We are so looking forward to our fellowship with Michael and Lindy Wadhams, please that we may be an encouragement to them as well.

10 to 12 November – we drive up to Cable, Ohio, to meet with George and Mary O'Neal, a dear couple whom I met at a conference, when I was in the States in July. We will be with them for a few days; we are also hoping to meet up with Mike and Jodi Cleveland. I met Mike July this year and both he and his wife were a great blessing to me. Mike may have to be in Texas for some training, so our opportunity to see him will be unlikely, however please pray that in some way we may at least be able to touch

sides with him, his ministry to me was such a blessing and I would so love my wife to meet Jodi, Mike's wife. Jodi has been home schooling for some years, and it would be great for Sam and Jodi to have some fellowship around those areas.

13 to 16 November – We will be driving up to Wisconsin, Milwaukee to see Buffington Powers, pastor of the Lighthouse Baptist Church. Buff is a personal friend whom we met when he was ministering in South Africa on a mission's trip. Buff was also our camp speaker and brought a group from his church to minister to us. Please pray that our travel up to Milwaukee will be blessed of the Lord, there is a chance that we may have a little snow. We need prayer for journey's mercies. We look forward to our time with Buff, he and his wife Tina have four children and they also home school.

17 to 19 November – we travel to Missouri, where we spend a few days with Eric and Samantha Campbell. I met Eric at a conference. Eric pastors a Baptist work in Missouri. (Please pray for me as there is a real possibility of me meeting my biological father for the first time, who plans to fly out to Missouri to meet with me. He wants to travel with my eldest brother.)

20th November – we drive through to Nashville, Tennessee, where we will spend a day and night with Jamal Jivanjee, another brother I met in July. Jamal runs a ministry called "Illuminate" – the ministry seeks to draw together pastors who desire purity and godliness in their ministries. Jamal's passion is to be part of a "God-centred" revived church in America. Unfortunately our time with him will be short, but we are looking forward to spending time with him and his family.

21 November – we drive back to Atlanta, and we spend the remainder of our time with my sister until we fly back on the 24th. On Sunday the 23rd I have been invited to share my ministry with a Sunday school class at the Woodstock Baptist church. The church is only 10 minutes away from my sister's house in Atlanta.

Dear brothers and sisters, please pray for us that our time will be fruitful, and that we will bring much glory to God. Pray for our protection on the roads. Pray that God would refresh us after a very long and hard year. Pray for Kraaifontein Baptist Church, that while we are away God would bless the pulpit ministry of our visiting preachers to the hearts of his people.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

– Mark, Sam, Abigail, Josiah and Zachariah (and baby number 4)

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2. KABWATA BAPTIST CHURCH PRAYER LETTER

“Pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

October 2008

Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It has been a while since we were in touch with you. However, we trust that you were praying for us despite our silence.

MEMBERSHIP

This is one of the darkest periods that we have been through. We lost three members within a space of three months. These were Mrs Simbisai Filakati, John Kumwenda Jnr and Dr Simon Mphuka. We miss them dearly but rejoice in the fact that they are with the Lord. We thank the Lord that they lived lives that testified of God's grace. Each of them touched many lives by their love for God. Pray for their families as they grieve and adjust to their departure. Simbisai was a dear wife and mother, John was a dear son about to graduate from college, and Simon was a dear husband, father and elder in the church. One lesson that has been very clear to us as a congregation through these deaths is that life is short and we need to serve the Lord whilst we have breath! Pray that we will truly apply this lesson by serving the Lord. Eighteen people were welcomed into membership since our last letter bringing our membership to 335. Pray for these individuals as they join us that they will truly serve the Lord wholeheartedly as well.

MEETINGS

The Sunday morning Bible studies are still on how to respond biblically to challenges that we meet at various stages of growth in our lives, and many have appreciated the series. Pray that it will bear the intended spiritual fruit in our lives. We continue to thank God for the visitors that we receive every week. Our prayer is that the Lord will grant life to those who are lost and growth to those that are Christians through God's Word.

We are also thankful to the Lord that despite the difficult time we have had this year, most of our calendar activities went as scheduled. Among these were our start-of-the-year seminars and retreats, the Easter evangelistic week, the Heroes of the Faith day (which was on Olive Carey Doke, Zambia's longest serving Baptist missionary) and

the Annual Reformed Conference. Pray for spiritual fruit in the remaining activities on our calendar.

MINISTRIES

(As usual in the interest of space we can only report on a few of the ministries in the church)

Book: Evergreen Christian Bookstore was re-launched in July. We are thankful to the Lord that it is now in a more spacious room, which has made it more pleasant to clients and gives room for more stock. Pray that the goal of spreading sound literature in Zambia is realised.

Conference: We are thankful to the Lord for the successful hosting of the annual reformed conference in August. The preachers, Drs Voddie Baucham and James Grier, did a very good job, leaving all who attended with a sense of God upon their souls. Pray that those that attended would be real, living apologetics. The attendance dropped to just over 600; however, there were 63 churches present from 12 different countries. Thank God for this as well.

Ladies Ministry: Praise the Lord for the continued work with the ladies on the street. A third convert through this ministry was recently baptised. Pray for more converts. Thank the Lord for the opportunity granted to one of our ladies to go and speak at a Ladies conference in Kenya on the role of women in the church. Pray for the ladies in Kenya as they seek to apply what they learned. Evangelism at Chimbokaila Prison has continued on every third Saturday of the month. Pray for souls to be saved.

Show Outreach: Outreach to the Agriculture and Commercial Show took place in August. The greatest achievement was the literature distribution. Pray that the literature will be read and many will respond to the gospel message in the booklets and tracts. Pray for us as we follow-up those who left us their addresses.

Youth Ministry – Intermediate & Junior: Thank God for the opportunities these young people have had to share the gospel with their fellow youth. They had an evangelistic career seminar and also did outreach in some secondary schools, apart from their outreach to some of our

mission stations and the play park. Pray for fruit. The Junior Youth camp is scheduled to take place in December. Pray for the preparations and the ultimate delivery of the Word of God and that souls will be saved.

MISSIONS

Kafue: This church is due to be set apart early next year. Thank the Lord for the evangelistic meetings that they held this year; a careers' seminar for young people, a men's evangelistic luncheon, and distribution of Christian literature at a local agricultural show held in their town. Pray for souls to be saved through these feeble efforts. They presently have one young man in their baptism class. They also had seminars on how to raise children and on giving. Pray that the brethren will apply what they learned to God's glory. Thank the Lord that the ministries are doing well. Pray that they will be used to reach the lost.

Mwense: We have very bad news to share with you with respect to Ebenezer Reformed Baptist Church. The church closed down between December and January because the missionary pastor, Kennedy Chibwe, backslid. Even his marriage totally collapsed. The elders tried to counsel him but it was all to no avail. Therefore, we had to excommunicate him. Pray that this will cause him to come back to the Lord. Pray for wisdom as we look at the way forward. The flock has since scattered as a result of this predicament.

Matero: This is the last time we are going to report on this church under missions because it was set apart as an independent church under its own first eldership in May. Thank God for this and pray that the Lord would grant the elders wisdom to oversee the church in a manner that would bring glory and honour to Him. Pastor Lichawa Thole is considering whether to stay on in the church or move on to yet another church-planting situation. Please pray for him as he seeks the mind of God on this matter. Praise the Lord for the land which they managed to acquire and pray for finances to put up a church building.

Mazabuka: There is still no membership but the average attendance is now 32. Like other churches, they have also started careers' days to reach school leavers. Pray for conversions. Thank the Lord that there have been some professions of faith from among those who attend church regularly. Ministry through the community radio continued and was based on

issues faced by school leavers to attract them to the school leavers' meetings at church.

Sinda: Membership still stands at 22 while church attendance averages 40. Praise the Lord for this stability in attendance at Sunday meetings. However, pray for an improvement in attendance at other meetings as they have been poorly attended. They had seminars on marriage, discipleship and the five pillars of a Reformed Baptist church. Pray that these seminars will strengthen the church doctrinally.

New Missions: This year, five men were set apart for church planting work – Curtis Chirwa, Charles Mwanza, Matthews Bwalya, Oswald Sichula and Percy Chisenga. Percy is church-planting in Malawi. We are grateful to the Lord for this and continue to challenge these men to take their work seriously, even as you pray for them and help provide for their financial needs. The Lord willing, we will soon be sending Pastor Kapambwe Nsenduluka to Namibia to help establish the Grace Reformed Baptist Church.

Pastor's Itinerant Preaching Ministry: We are thankful to the Lord for the way he sustained Pastor Mbewe as he travelled to Kenya in April, Malawi in May, USA in July, Namibia in August, and South Africa and Sierra Leone in September. Pray for the fruit of his ministry. He is scheduled to preach at a Pastor's conference in Brazil in November and in South Africa in January. Heartcry Missionary Society, an organisation that helps us to support our missionaries, have asked him to help with the training of their missionaries around the world. He will be in Ethiopia next week to "spy out the land" for future ministry. Pray that God will use him to equip other men around the world for ministry.

OFFICERS & STAFF

Thank God for the three men (Charles Bota, John Kumwenda and Eric Sinyangwe) who were added to our eldership after the loss of Dr Simon Mphuka. Pray that they will settle in well and that they will oversee God's flock to the glory of his name. Thank God that Pastor Mbewe's health has been well despite his busy schedule. Continue praying for all our elders as they oversee the work. The deacons continue to work very well among us. One of them (Eric Sinyangwe) was chosen as elder; therefore, we need to replace him in the diaconate. Pray that the Lord will grant us a godly man who is willing to serve. Amen!

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"The fear of the Lord - that is wisdom...." Job 28:28

October 2008

Dear Family & Friends

"..... a very large section of the world's population consists of children. In some countries almost one half of the total population is under the age of fourteen....." – from 'How to evangelise children' by Sam Doherty.

Approximately 400 000 people living in Tembisa (Gauteng, South Africa) of which approximately 150 000 are children, it gives one food for thought as one works the Southern part of this township, just a small tip of the iceberg.

Thank you for praying for God's work in Tembisa and the Family Upliftment Project in Kempton Park Central. God in His faithfulness has answered our prayers regarding openings in the schools, Fikile Mavusa from Isiziba Primary has been faithful in translating for me for the Bible Club, plus the attendance has evened out to +- 50 children for the clubs, which is a manageable number to work with. Since last writing two schools have opened up, Nyiko and Sipiwe Primary. Wednesdays and Fridays are assemblies at these schools and Bible Clubs from 2.00 – 3:30pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at Endulwini, Isiziba and Thuthuka Primary. Between Matthew and Kirsty (from Birchleigh Baptist) and myself we continue to go to the Family Upliftment Project on Fridays at 6:00pm. The group of children there are always interested in the truths of the Word, Magda and Joanie were able to attend the Christian Youth Camp organised by Nick and Sheila (SWYM).

Kessia Simelane (wife of Musa) will be joining me as from Tuesday 14 and Thursday 16 October. Amongst her busy schedule as helper for Musa, and after much prayer she desires to work the two days each week, I thank God for answering our prayers for help in Tembisa. Kessia has worked much with children over the years, so we shall enjoy learning from one another.

On Saturday 2 September we had an afternoon of games, followed by a braai, toasted marshmallows with chocolate sauce with the families of the Family Upliftment Project in central Kempton Park. Matthew, Kirsty and myself have been working with the children since July, so it was a time for the children's family and folk from Birchleigh Baptist Church to get together for fellowship and a meal.

The Christian Youth Camp proved to be a blessing, children, young people and helpers totalled just over 100, we praise God for His protection and teachings that the children were able to absorb. The first night it took quite some time to settle the young people for bed, for the children of Isiziba Primary, this was the first Christian Camp they had been on.

The young people had sessions on the Life of Paul and other sessions, where we were able to go through a workbook on Creation, a wonderful time of sharing was had between facilitator and young people. One little boy said to me : "I wish I could stay for at least 9 days" !!

It was wonderful to be able to sit on the floor with the children and help them find verses in the Bible, and to see that many of the children had notebooks and were writing as Freddy and Leon preached. A camp like this would not be able to be run if it were not for the helpers, some seen with the children, but those who do 'behind the scenes' running around and work in the kitchen.

The Bible Clubs this term have been fruitful, fourth term we will be beginning with the Fall of Man and gradually working our way through the Bible. We have acquired some soccer balls, more hula hoops, skipping ropes, frisbees, plus 2 hockey sticks. We appoint responsible children who wear either blue or pink ribbons and they are called the "security", they hand out and collect equipment after each session, which is working well up to now.

The children love the 15 minutes of games and it is super to watch them, when the whistle goes, how they begin to walk towards us and then quickly pop in another skip or rotation of the hula hoop before handing it back !!!

Thank you for your faithful prayers for children's ministry, how we value this.

Prayer praises :

- Stamina and health
- Time allowed to work with the children in the schools
- Guidance of God's Holy Spirit

Prayer pointers :

- For Kessia as she settles into the schools
- Commitment of teachers at Endulwini and Thuthuka Primary Bible Clubs.

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Proverbs 22:6 "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it".