Ministry Update

We are finally starting to warm up after a cold and rainy winter here in Cape Town. The winter always brings low numbers at our church activities, but we have much to be thankful for in this season! In July, Cape Town had some of the worst rainstorms in decades with many areas flooding. This caused extensive travel issues for several of our church members, but thankfully their homes were saved from any serious damage. In the midst of people missing church due to sickness, bad weather, and



travel, we have added a couple of families to our regular attendees! That is always such an encouragement to us. In addition, several weeks ago, one of the men who has been attending for a couple of months was born again! He has been going through an incredibly difficult time in his personal life, so please pray that he will continue to grow in the Lord. We continue to pray for many others to come to a saving faith in Christ, and we praise the Lord for the increase!

At the end of June, we had another family from the States come visit to consider joining our church planting team. We had a great time showing them around Cape Town and especially talking about the potential for more churches along the Atlantic Seaboard. After praying for several weeks, they have reported that they sense God leading them to join our team! We are so excited about this potential and will be praying, if it's God's will, that they will be here in the near future. We currently have three families in the States working toward joining our team full-time. We hope that this will result in multiple church plants in the area!

In August, we welcomed 10 new members into our church family and voted to accept 3 men as deacons. What a blessing it was to see this growth in commitment to the church. All of these members had been faithfully attending for at least several months, and the 3 new deacons were part of the original group when we started in our living room two years ago. They have all faithfully served the church and helped me in so many areas of church leadership. It was a special day to recognize them with this official role in the church.

The following Sunday, we celebrated our church plant's 2nd anniversary! It was a very special day with 56 people in attendance! We had an amazing time of worship and preaching followed by a buffet lunch. It was wonderful to have a full house with 6 first-time guests as well. We praise the Lord for His faithfulness to our church family, and pray for His hand on our church this next year.

Family Update

In our last prayer letter, we mentioned that we had applied for our South African visa renewals. Once approved, these will allow us to stay in South Africa for an additional three years. This process can take a long time, but a few weeks ago, Kynlee's visa came back approved. We're not sure why the others didn't come back with hers, but we are expecting them back and approved any day now. Please pray for this!

At the end of June, Megan's mom was able to come for a three-week visit! It was such a blessing to have her here with us. The kids loved having Mimi during their school break, and we did lots of fun activities during her stay. She also helped with a variety of ministry activities, especially assisting Megan with the kids on Sundays. At the end of August, Blake's dad also came for a week. He was able to be part of the church anniversary and help with a few ministry activities as well. We are so thankful when family is able to come spend time with us and help with ministry here!