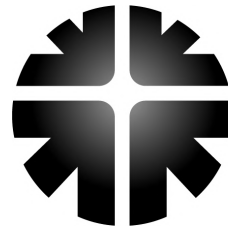


# The Hunter Family To Knysna, South Africa

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Dear Praying Friends,

September/October 2024

Most Tuesday nights, health and weather permitting, we are in Rheenendal. It's about 20 minutes drive from our house to the Rheenendal township. Our Bible Study starts at 7:00pm and a group of people meet either at Hester's house or Caroline's house for an hour of study in the Word and prayer. Over the past couple of years, we have been working our way through the Psalms. A couple of weeks ago, we studied Psalm 84:12 - *Blessed is the one who trusts in you!* Although the words belong to the Sons of Korah, we certainly identify with the praise. The Lord has blessed us abundantly. You have had a part in that through your prayer and support. Please pray for the Rheenendal Bible Study. There are many struggles in the community, and Steve has fallen back into a pattern of drunkenness. Please pray for him!

Janet and Michelle connect at a ladies' brunch.



The Brenton Community Hall Annex where we currently meet for church.

Our church has finally moved into a more stable location. We are renting at the Brenton Community Hall. Although we can only use the annex room, it has been nice to have meetings in the same place every week. Please continue your prayers for our church. It seems as though some of our families are under constant attack and there are many opportunities for counseling. We are encouraged by consistent steady growth in our membership both numerically and spiritually. We continue to look for a meeting place, but it has been elusive thus far.

Herb has recently begun discipleship with young men on Saturday mornings. Azola was part of those meetings, but he has left SA for training at Faith Baptist Bible College (More about that in a minute) in the USA. Hlumelo, Matthew, and Likhona all attend discipleship. These meetings have been a good opportunity to really dig deeper into the Word and learn about God and His ways. Herb and the young men are currently in the book of Genesis. Please pray for the young men engaged with the discipleship



Janet helps Jesmen (affectionately called Nunu) with her Grade 2 homework

Janet has been counseling a few young ladies over the past couple of months. Many of them have struggled with abuse in their past. Janet takes time to carefully prepare and has been speaking to each of these teen girl's needs. She has developed a meaningful relationship with each one and has had numerous gospel opportunities as part of the counseling. She also continues her work within the local schools and she and Herb both have a class at the primary school with the Kids in Christ program (Herb teaches grade 7 and Janet grade 2). Janet also meets at the private school in town to help a young girl with autism and learning disabilities to do her tests/exams. More recently Janet has taken her turn at teaching in Sunday school as well. Please pray for all of these relationships Janet has with children, teens and young adults. There are numerous gospel opportunities.

In early September Herb and Janet welcomed Micah Morrell from Drone Scope Media. He spent almost two weeks here shooting drone footage and video taping many of the ministry activities of the Knysna Hope team. Thankfully, he has already finished our video, so in case you haven't seen it yet, here is the link to our update video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yEUaltFkJ0g&t=8s>. You can simply click on the link to go to the update. If you receive this letter on paper, you will need to search our website [www.hunters2southafrica.com](http://www.hunters2southafrica.com) online and you can watch the video there. The update video turned out well - we are grateful for Micah's professional help with getting this done.



Herb, Janet and Micah Morrell



Azola is thriving at Faith!

Speaking of videos I would like to share with you a video update from Azola. You'll remember that we were asking for help in getting Azola to Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa. Well, he made it! You can view his update by clicking here: <https://youtu.be/jPUnnTkGwCg>. He has been studying for a couple of months now at Faith Baptist Bible College, and he has recorded a special message for those who helped him thus far. Please pray for him at school. Out of five classes, Azola has four A's and one B. If God burdens you, please contact me about helping pay his college expenses. He is a worthy recipient.



Herb shares the gospel with the student body of Knysna Primary School

Herb has developed a friendship with a couple of senior saints. Mike Winter is 83 and was looking for friendship. He and Herb meet for coffee every couple of weeks for mutual encouragement and sharpening. Then Herb enjoyed taking Peter (who is 92) out for ice cream recently. In addition to these individual meetings, Herb has several people needing regular counseling. Herb meets with a Tuesday morning group of men for pastoral training. Our church is weeks away from voting in some of these men who can serve as elder/pastors to our congregation. Pray about this, please!

Many of our regular Bible study's occur weekly as well. On Tuesday evenings we are in Rheenendal studying the Psalms, on Thursday evening we have our own church Bible Study where we are studying the life of Christ. On Friday's the Teen Boys Bible Study, which we have renamed "The Forge," continues. We meet with our church intern, Jared Du Plessis each week, usually over lunch on a Thursday. Janet leads a Ladies Bible Study every other week on a Monday afternoon. On top of these regular meetings, Janet and Herb teach a Bible lesson to primary school children on Friday mornings at 7:30, and recently Herb was given the opportunity to speak to the entire primary school student body (about 700 kids). Please pray for all these opportunities to share the Word. We are praying the words of Paul in 2 Thessalonians 3:1, "Finally brethren, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified even as it is with you."



October 4th marked seven years for us in the country of South Africa. We are amazed at what God has done and we are so grateful for all of you. We have a dedicated band of people who faithfully pray. Even the people who give to our ministry has not decreased over the past 7 years. A recent gift from a church that was closing in Michigan, allowed us to aid Pastor Nicholas and My Father's House Baptist Church in their building renovation as they have moved to a permanent location. All your gifts, small and large, are a blessing and an encouragement to us as we continue in the Lord's work.



Notice the building improvements in these two photos taken at My Father's House Baptist Church

Our church is preparing a commissioning service to officially commission P and A to carry the gospel to the Middle East. We are so sorry to lose them, they are such a blessing to us, but we are excited to see how God will direct their steps and the open doors that he will prepare for them. This faithful couple has put their house up for rent, given away many of their possessions and are now raising funds to go. They leave here in mid-December. If you would consider helping them with a financial gift, just reach out to me and I can point you in the right direction. Please also add them to your regular prayers.

In family news, we are grateful for the technology that allows us to keep in regular contact with our adorable grandson, Raymond and his adult handlers - Caleb and Juleah! Noah is coming to us for Christmas before heading on to Faith, Jared is going to try to work as much as he can at his new nursing job and Megan is going to Herb's parents for the holidays. Janet is breathing well these days, but has re-injured her ankle so wears a "moon-boot" much of the time. She has an appointment with a doctor this week to make some recommendations on whether or not surgery might be required. This injury slows her down - a little. Please pray for our health as we minister here.



P and A leave for the Middle East in Mid-December

We are blessed beyond what we deserve to serve here along the Garden Route. Your investment in us is resulting in eternal fruit! Thank you.

Only by His grace,  
Herb and Janet Hunter