

Greetings from Cape Town

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Greetings to everyone in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We the Jacobs family, want to express our deepest and heartfelt appreciation for all you have done for us in the past year. We have been blessed to be associated with so many of you who care for us, and who care for the work of our Lord in this part of the world.

For the last month and a half we had to deal with something rather worrying for the family. Gail has been diagnosed with hypertension. We first found out by accident as we were at Gail's mother's, who also suffers from diabetes and hypertension. Gail had readings in the high one hundreds and even had one around the two hundred and ten mark. This was very alarming and she had to start immediate dosages of tablets to bring this under control. The tablets because of its strength in dosage made her feel drowsy and unable to do much of anything. The ladies had a meeting and volunteered to take over some of Gail's duties with the Sunday school program and the running of the ladies classes. Gail of course felt worse because you all know she loves being busy and active for the Lord. I am doing my best to watch out for her at home and doing my part in seeing to the boys and seeing that she gets as much rest as possible as prescribed by her doctor. We ask that you please keep Gail in your prayers as we go through this time of trial in our lives.

As for the work at Thicket road we have dedicated this year to concentrating on reaching out into our communities and focusing heavily on evangelism. The leadership has appointed new coordinators to relief me of some of the duties I was overseeing so that I could spend more time with the evangelism ministry and moving the church in that direction. We have pinpointed an area not far from our church building in which we will be concentrating our evangelistic focus toward. We have also been in contact with a brother who worked at the local university and will be looking at starting a ministry there because he has many contacts there, and people whom he can direct to us. We have been having a number of regular visitors to our services and we are especially glad that they are husbands and wives of brethren in the church whom I believe is seeking for truth. Continue to pray for these and other efforts of ours to reach out to the lost.

As for our church family, there is a lot of families hurting and struggling with trials as we all do, and so we bring them before you to pray for them and continue to lift them up before our father in heaven. Melody October is currently in being divorced by her husband of two years, they have a baby Amy and it is truly hard for her right now. She faithfully comes to services and is a great example of trusting in the Lord. Vanessa Fransch is a single mom who struggles to raise her two teen boys. She has given them the best that she could including the church, but now struggles to get them to commit and be excited about Christianity and serving the Lord as she is. The Kallis family is a husband and wife couple that at retirement age has become grandparents. Their daughter who was married to a Muslim man left him to return to her parents, and they are now in a situation where they have their son, their daughter with a new born baby, the son's daughter and mother all living with them. We also have the Rinqest family who is at this moment

struggling to find solutions to the myriad of problems in their home including the breaking down of a the primary relationship in the house, the husband and wife.

Brethren I come to you with these because I believe that that is power in prayer and I know if we bring these and other families before our Lord that he will intercede and provide a way out where there do not seem to be one.

We are looking forward to the visit from our Estes family. Brother Steve Johnson and Billy Smith along with their wives will be visiting us during Spring break and we are very excited to have them with us for a few days. Not only will they be able to see the work and the brethren here, but also our beautiful city. We know they will have an enjoyable time here, and that they will be gathering sweet memories of Cape Town and the brethren at Thicket road.

As always we want to say what a privilege it is to be working along side all of you in the kingdom of the Lord. We know it could not have been possible if it were not for hearts such as yours who lovingly and willingly support missions in the Lord's church. We are blessed beyond end to be associated with you and to know that together we are partners in the spreading of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your love, thank you for your prayers, thank you for your support, and we pray God's riches blessings on all of you.

God Bless

Mike, Gail, Jesse, and Jordan Jacobs