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Today was ANOTHER great day in East London, South Africa. At 11:15 AM Central African Time, Ryan Britz was baptized into Christ. Ryan is the son-in-law of Konrad and Gill Brandstetter. Ryan, Genevieve, and their son, Fletcher, who was born February 13, moved back from England just a few weeks ago while I was in the USA.

You may recall seeing pictures of Konrad being baptized on February 14 (the day after Fletcher was born) in his own swimming pool after over 23 years of waiting and praying on Gill's part. Today, Ryan was baptized BY Konrad in that same pool. This means that I became a spiritual father and then a grandfather in just less than 6 months. Not bad, huh!

Having just spent time in the cold water of the Nyemba's pool on Sunday, I was doubly happy to see Konrad take this step in his growth in Christ. It was wonderful to be a part of the joy at the Brandstetter's house today and to see the warmth of that family and their love for Ryan. Since Konrad baptized Ryan, there is now yet another special bond between them.

Ryan has been worshipping with Genevieve for years. He is a very likeable young man. He was eager to study with me, which we did for hours last Thursday night. I expect Ryan to be a great disciple of the Lord and an asset to the Keam Road church.

As I wrote on Sunday, the word of God is STILL living and active, just like it was when Hebrews 4:12 was written nearly 2000 years ago. Today, we again rejoice together and with the angels in heaven.

Yours in Christ,  
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