



March 31, 2024

He is Risen!

MINISTRY UPDATE

Celebrating Easter provides so many new open doors to share the hope we have because we serve a risen Savior! Many are more open to talking about spiritual things this time of year.

Frank is giving a weekly devotional on Psalms to a small class in our Knysna Hope Launch class, a computer-training class our ministry team offers to those in the community. Right now, there is just one married couple attending this particular class, but they both need Christ as Savior. Time spent sharing the gospel is never wasted time! This past week, Frank also had the opportunity to preach last-minute for a local pastor who was suddenly sick at his church on Sunday and then again at a local nursing home. Hudson enjoyed going with him and bringing some cheer to the grannies at the home.

Monday through Friday, Tori continues to work with three grade 7 students for an hour-long reading/spelling lesson at our children's school. She has had wonderful gospel conversations with the students, starting with how sin entered the world through Adam & Eve. One of the students, who we will call "T", is especially attentive and has expressed a desire to follow Christ. Please pray for wisdom for Tori as she attempts to clear away the confusion of this young girls' pagan beliefs to shed light on the truths of the gospel. She will also be starting work this week in a second school with a grade 2 boy who struggles with reading due to his dyslexia, autism and ADHD.

We have two young boys from the kids' school coming over to play with our kids and then attend a Bible Kids Club every Friday afternoon. Please pray as we continue to pour into not only these young boys' lives (grades 2 & 5), but also their families.

As we are settling in more and more into Knysna, we have also worked to develop deeper relationships with our neighbors and community. This past month saw dinners in our home with three different families (two different neighbors and our realtor and her boyfriend) as well as multiple get-togethers with families from our church. Every meet-up gives additional opportunity for Christ-centered conversation.

FAMILY UPDATE

March and April are busy birthday months for us! Celebrating these "firsts" in our new country can be a little bittersweet as we are away from US family and friends. Zachary turned 11 on March 7, Tori will be a year older on April 4, and Hudson becomes a teenager on April 7. We help make the birthdays special by cooking favorite foods, having some friends over and selecting a few special gifts.



DATE NIGHTS: Amalia recently enjoyed her 1st Daddy/Daughter date complete with a special gift from Daddy of our national flower, the protea. Hudson also took Tori out on their 1st Mom/Son date this past month. He was the perfect gentleman opening doors and "paying" the bill after they enjoyed sushi and watched the sun set behind the Knysna hills.



PRAY FOR US!

- **PRAISE!** Thanks to some generous partners, our second vehicle, a 2017 Honda Civic, has been purchased! We are so very thankful and now able to accomplish so much more in Knysna on a day-to-day basis.
- Pray for the salvation of "T" and other students Tori is working with as well as the married couple with whom Frank shares a weekly devotional.
- As our General National and Provincial elections quickly approach on May 29, we anticipate more unrest in our area. Please pray for safety and opportunities to share about the hope we have in Christ in the midst of the physical struggles our community is facing.
- Please continue praying for Hudson and his school placement for grade 8 next year. We are expecting to hear in April whether he's been accepted to our school of choice. We just want what God wants on this!

UPCOMING PLANS

- April 5-We lead the first youth event for Lakeside Baptist youth
- April 13-Frank leads a youth event for ALL area church teens
- April 21-Praise sing event with all of the area churches
- April 26-28-"Building Strong Families" Family Retreat
- May 10-11-Missions Conference

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