

April 30, 2024

Ministry on Turbo Speed

MINISTRY UPDATE

We had a great first youth event at Lakeside with nine boys...ALL boys (and Tori). Frank organized fun games, we provided a snack, and then Frank shared a lesson from Luke 12. Most of these boys are likely believers, but there are at least two who may still need to come to faith in Christ. Everyone was excited about future monthly gatherings and the challenge of recruiting more friends, especially a few girls, for the next gathering in May.

Frank also organized and led a youth event for all of the teens within the Knysna Hope network of churches. These unified events happen once a month, and each church takes a turn at organizing and leading them. We had 40 youth from 5 different churches participating, and several church leaders came to assist. We provided dinner, played games, sang together, and shared a Bible lesson.

The Knysna Hope churches and the Inspire George churches (another group of likeminded church planters an hour from Knysna) also gathered for our second Praise Sing earlier this month. Nearly 150 voices powered over the thunder and lightening of that Sunday afternoon giving us a small taste of heaven. It is always an encouragement to see these multi-church events come together!

Tori's tutoring within two local schools continues with 2nd and 7th grades, and she has also just begun to help a group of struggling learners in 4th grade. Every opportunity opens further doors for sharing of Christ's saving love. Last month's newsletter asked prayer for one of her 7th grade students, "T", who expressed a desire to follow Christ. On Easter Sunday, "T" severely burned her legs when she accidentally spilled a pot of boiling water all over herself. Tori visited her twice during her 8 days in the hospital . During her second visit, Tori was able to download a Bible app for "T" so she could listen to the Bible being read to her, encouraging her to listen to the book of John first. "T's" grandmother saw what she had done and asked Tori to download the same app to her phone. The Word of God does not return void (Isaiah 55:11), and we pray for this family to come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.



[TOP LEFT] Tori with two of her 7th grade reading students [TOP RIGHT] The Lakeside youth waiting for the directions for a game at our 1st youth event [BOTTOM LEFT] Tori visiting "T" in the hospital [BOTTOM RIGHT] Multi-church Praise Sing service

FAMILY UPDATE

Frank had the wonderful blessing of baptizing our two youngest sons, Zachary & Nate, this past Sunday during a special baptismal service at our church, Lakeside Baptist. It was such an encouragement to see our sons publicly declare their faith in Christ in this step of obedience after salvation.

Nate had his first grading for karate and tested up four levels to a blue stripe. He is becoming quite the dedicated martial artist!

Hudson, Zachary and Amalia also played and WON their first soccer games this past week against a local private school. They are already greatly anticipating their next game in a couple of weeks.



[FIRST] Amalia dressed in an Indian outfit along with her Kindergarten teacher for Freedom Day, April 27. [SECOND] Nate earned 4 stripes on his white belt![THIRD] We officially have a teenager in the house! [FOURTH] Such a joy for Frank to baptize our two youngest boys!

PRAY FOR US!

- **PRAISE!** Tori's student "T" was able to return to school 25 days after her burn accident.
- **PRAISE!** The 3-day Knysna Hope Family Retreat was well attended and sound Biblical basics were shared.
- **PRAISE & PRAYER!** We heard that Hudson was accepted to our school of choice; however, he is at the top of a waitlist as the school waits to hear from current parents on whether or not they will return for 2025. We hope to hear a final decision very soon.
- Please pray for Lynn, a soccer mom Tori was able to talk to for nearly an hour, presenting the full gospel over a talk about American politics and religion. Lynn is a South African woman who believes in reincarnation and the universalist church.
- Continue to pray for the children Frank teaches in the public school Bible studies, and for the unsaved couple with whom he is slowly sharing the gospel through a Knysna Hope computer course.
- 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.

UPCOMING PLANS

- May 10-11: Missions Conference hosted by Knysna Hope and held at our church, Lakeside Baptist
- May 24: Second Lakeside Youth Event (ages 10-18)
- May-July: Frank to preach and serve at our church in a large capacity as our partners travel for the funeral of a close friend & then again for furlough

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