

THE BLACKWELLS CHURCH PLANTING IN SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Prayer Partners,

30 April 2022

USA Mini-Furlough -- Dec to March we visited half of our supporting churches as well as one new church, our families and relatives, and many friends. New friendships were begun, and current friendships strengthened. It was such a blessing to see each one of you that we visited. Thank you for the hospitality and love that was shown to us!

House of Stone Ministry -- The month of April was dedicated to ministry in Zimbabwe. A small team of three joined us through Compassion Medical Worldwide, (a new ministry arm of our mission agency). Eyeglass clinics were held at Pastor Mike and Pastor Shadreck's churches. These were very well received by the communities. Many individuals were helped to be able to see clearly, with most receiving glasses for the



first time in their lives. The individual responses to being able to see clearly often caused those still waiting, to burst out in laughter, as they shared in the excitement and joy that was expressed.



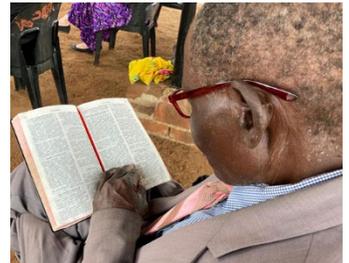
These clinics were a wonderful tool for outreach, as a salvation tract was given to each person. By running the clinics at the churches, the communities recognized that God's love was being demonstrated to them. Both pastors were extremely excited at the turnouts and with the numerous conversations they had with individuals. We are not aware of any

salvation decisions, but new contacts were made for follow-up by the pastors, and many people promised to visit church. Another result of holding this clinic was that a local official has offered to



submit and support Pastor Shadreck's application for a centralized property in the village for the church.

We really appreciated the hard work and great attitudes of the USA team members during their two weeks with us. Despite many unexpected difficulties and some changes in plans, they were encouraging, helpful and kept us smiling! Thanks Jessie, Hannah, and Jonny!



Swartland Baptiste and Grace Baptist -- During our time in the USA & Zimbabwe, our South African church plants have been led by a Bible Student and his wife, Andre & Liesel Janse van Rensburg. This has confirmed in his heart, his desire to be a pastor. It will be exciting to see in the months ahead what the Lord has in store for their lives.

Nicole and Alex: Nicole is expecting in September and mom and baby are healthy and doing well. We are looking forward to having Nicole and Alex in South Africa for June and July as they come to run the winter camps at Paardeberg Mountain Retreat.

Matthew: is working on his master's in mechanical engineering and recently received an award for work he had done in his undergraduate studies. He has been a great help with the two churches while we have been gone.

Thank you for praying for us and supporting our ministry here, *Marc, Nancy & Matthew*

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