

The Harvest News

November & December 2011 Edition

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests."

Luke 2: 14



To Our Dear Friends – Our Partners in the Gospel,

Greetings to you in the wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! We are coming to the end of a very busy and trying year! We thank the Lord for His goodness and guidance in our lives throughout this year and we are so grateful for His wonderful grace in all aspects of our life.

We are excited about celebrating Christmas, remembering the joy of God's wonderful gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. We pray that you all have a truly blessed Christmas and as you remember His birth and gift of eternal life through faith in Him, you will grow in His goodness and grace!

MINISTRY UPDATE

Pastor's Conference in Xicumbane

This is always a highlight on the mission's calendar and this year was once again a huge blessing to all who attended the Pastor's Conference. A group of 9 left Polokwane on the morning of 30 October. The teaching team included 2 lecturers from Christ Seminary whose witness and testimony of truly godly African men was a huge blessing to the Samaria team as well as the pastors in Mozambique. This year was the first time that there were specific teaching sessions for the pastor's wives during the conference – we are so grateful to the Lord for Debbie Crawford's desire to teach and come alongside the Mozambique women. The topic covered various aspects of church planting and more specifically in the area that we do ministry along the Limpopo River.

Christ Seminary Graduation

This was once again a highlight in our lives and this year we saw 4 men graduate from Christ Seminary! Lazarus Matlala has been involved with a church plant in Mashushu, South Africa, Masangu Muchanga and Amosse Simango are from Mozambique and also Member Ngobeni who will be joining Samaria Mission as a full-time missionary early in 2012. He is from Giyani, South Africa but will be moving to Polokwane.

Please continue to pray that the Lord will provide the necessary finances that Member will need to live and do ministry in Polokwane... as you can imagine the cost of living in a village is a lot lower than the cost of living in the city!

Sharyn was in her element as she was once again very involved with the cooking and décor for the Graduation Conference... in fact she made supper for 200 people on Friday night – thankfully she had a team of wonderful helpers that made the task much easier!!!

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of CHRISTMAS
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GODLY EXAMPLE... On 30 December William's parents will be married for **50 years!!** With December being holiday season we decided to celebrate their special day early which was on 5 December. We are so grateful to the Lord for their godly example of a Christian marriage and we thank the Lord for blessing them with so many wonderful years together!



HOLIDAY, HOLIDAY, HOLIDAY... even before school was finished we were all VERY ready for a holiday! Although the mission office only "closed" on 15 December we took our leave early and are now in Hermanus (near Cape Town), we had a couple of stops along the way... we were blessed to have a two day stay in Groot Brak River and then we visited friends in Stilbaai – where the guys got to go deep sea fishing... although William, Brendan and Tim ended up feeding the fish more than they caught fish, Nathan got to catch a few sharks! ☺ We are so grateful for the wonderful blessing of our family and friend's hospitality... without them we definitely would not be able to go on a Seaside holiday! What an amazing blessing!



We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed Christmas and wonderful New Year!
THANK YOU for being a faithful and vital part of our ministry this year, we love and appreciate you!

*Your fellow harvesters in Christ,
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