



# The McCrum Family

David, Julie, John, Jacob

March – May 2011

Our Dear Friends,

As the Lord extends our stay in Witbank, we often have felt frustration at the lack of a national pastor. The heart of a church planter says with Moses, "Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation, which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep which have no shepherd." We continue to seek the Lord for His will in this matter, and while we wait it has been a blessing to see God increasing His church in Witbank.

**We have continued to reap fruit this year**, after a "dry spell" in 2009. Weekly we are contacting new people. Doors are opening for David to speak in local public schools—elementary, high school, and community college levels. The radio station is now giving us a weekly thirty minute broadcast (listen live most Mondays at 4pm EST at [www.931fm.co.za](http://www.931fm.co.za)).

**New Members Class** This May David again taught a month-long Sunday School class for those interested in joining the church. This has been a great outreach for saved and unsaved, encouraging people to confront the issues of salvation, baptism, and commitment to the church. Eight individuals joined the church last November. Nine people attended this May class, with three of them asking Christ to save them (Jonathan & Patricia, Colin)! Five in this class are to be baptized.



**New Ministry Outreach** In March, our Men for the Master ministry hosted a men's retreat (pictured top) for several churches. This year's theme of "Guarding against Apostasy" was a great warning and encouragement to the 25 men attending.

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apostasy  
lessons from the life of Joshua

The Women of Faith enjoyed their "Winter Fellowship Dinner" in May (pictured right). They were especially excited as the men of the church offered to cook and take care of the children! A guest speaker was invited from Johannesburg, and almost every lady in the church invited a friend or two. The food was amazing, the men served at the tables, and the ladies were blessed. We look forward to making this a yearly event to reach out to the ladies and their friends in the community.



**New Church Van** The church has saved \$18,500 towards a demo Hyundai H1 van (pictured bottom). Early 2010 models costs \$36,000; vehicles are twice the cost of USA models. If you would like to contribute, please designate "McCrum/church van".

**New McCrum** In case you haven't heard by now, we are expecting another little McCrum in November. We are so excited, and the doctor says this one "looks like a girl!" More importantly, baby and mom are healthy. We are so blessed!



Thank you again for your prayers and support of our family. May God be with you.

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