

the mccrum family

Serving the Lord in South Africa

Dear Friends,

On November 28, our family was blessed with a beautiful baby girl! **Katherine Jane was born** healthy, with no complications, and she weighed eight pounds and five ounces. We are enjoying her so much.

Julie's parents were with us for Christmas this year, and we were able to make some special memories with them and

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David's parents, too. We are so thankful for godly parents who showed us the joy of serving Christ while we were growing up, and who continue to support and encourage us now that we're adults.

In February, we **baptised three more believers**. Clive and Corlene are so hungry to learn—they soak up Bible teaching like sponges! It's been a joy to see them come to the place of wanting to follow Christ in baptism and join with our church. Kadaisha has been asking some hard questions lately, and we are so thankful to see her affirm her belief in Jesus, and her desire to follow His will for her life.

In November seven of our teens went to **Youth Camp**. We did not go with them this year, as the baby was very new, but they came home full of testimonies of the Lord working in their hearts. We are especially proud of **Phaphamani** (pictured below), our only graduating senior, who told the church of his desire to follow Jesus, even though it's tough out there in the world. He will be going to university this year, and we are praying for him to find a good church and good friends there.

We have also started a more regular youth ministry this year, meeting at someone's

home one Sunday night a month. In January, we hosted the first youth meeting at our home, and had several new young people attend. What a blessing to be able to invest in these young lives.

Please pray with us about several ministry opportunities: Youth Ministry—this is expanding, and we need wisdom in training several church members interested in getting involved. Satellite Church Service—we have been invited to begin another Bible study 45 minutes from Witbank, with the view of establishing another church. Two of our church families would be able to assist; we need direction and strength.

May God be with you.



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