

CHRIST CHURCH STRAND

JULY NEWS LETTER

FAMILY

By the grace of God, in the midst of covid we are all doing well, we thank God who has so far protected us during covid 19. I had an opportunity to go to WORD OF LIFE student ministry in Gqeberha with Pastor Kenny. It was exciting to see how that ministry has grown.

STAFF

Siyambonga Zotani: since 2015 Siya has been working here at church since 2015. Siya is managing our projects and is also doing pastoral duties to people involved in those projects, Gardening project, sewing project, soup kitchen project. Please continue to pray for Siya, his wife Siphokazi and their daughter Sinothando.

Conwell Muyambo who is serving as a curate this year has been doing well. Conwell is responsible for our afternoon English service, reaching out in our community to those who cannot speak isiXhosa. He has also been doing few subjects with GWC as well. He also preaches in our morning service and is also doing some bible studies in church. Please pray for Conwell as he ministers to God's people who most are far from their homes, pray for him as he seeks to grow that afternoon service. Also pray for his VISA application that the officials may speed up the process. Pray also for his family back in Zimbabwe.

Musa Ndlela: Musa has served as an apprentice this year, attending training at hope training, doing the GWC explore course as well. Musa as an apprentice we have tried to expose him to all sorts of ministries to learn and gain experience, but his main focus was music. Pray for him as he think about his future for 2022.

PRAYER POINTS FOR STAFF

1. Please pray for our protection against covid as we are in the forefront, assisting and ministering to people, doing funerals.
2. Pray for our financial support too. We are all dependent on outside financial support, so we are kindly asking for your prayers in this regard.
2. Pray for strength.

CHURCH NEWS



In the past quarter we had our easter gathering here at our church. Due to the government regulations, we did not meet with our other sister churches we met on our own, the allowance then was 50% capacity inside and 250 outside, so we had to have a marquee outside, it went well Conwell and myself did a bulk of preaching and some lay leaders too.



We have also had our AGM, very exciting reports from different ministries and good discussions going forward especially when it comes to church planting. We also elected our new church council members. We have been seeing quite a lot of people coming to our church through our projects and many coming to know Christ.



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HOUSE CHURCHES

We have had this year one house church multiplying, which is good news, it shows our house churches even in the midst of lockdown kept growing. We now have five house churches. We are hoping that two more house churches will multiply before the end of this year. Please pray that proper discipleship will happen in the house churches, pray that house churches may focus in reaching out to the lost. Pray that the Lord in the house churches may raise interns whom we will train to take over as Shepherds of new house churches.

LIVING LIFE BIBLE STUDY

We had about 5 members who did the 13 weeks living life Bible Study.



CHILDRENS HOUSE CHURCH



On Wednesdays we had over 100 children coming to children's house church. On Sundays we have 73 children regularly attending our Sunday service. Pray for Mphumezi who is the shepherd of children's house church, he has to focus in his studies at the university and also focus in ministry here at church, pray for the leaders who are helping him.

P R O J E C T S

1. GARDENING PROJECT

We started the project this year, and it's doing so well. We have started eating from the garden and some of the ingredients for the soup kitchen we take from the garden. We already have 7 community members we have started training in gardening and how they can do garden in their homes with limited space. Our target is to train 100 community members before the end of the year. We are not only teaching gardening but Siya also shares the gospel with them and also does Pastoral visitations.

We have three projects that we are running here at church.

2. SEWING

Mrs. Dorcas Kanyenda from CHRIST CHURCH WATERKLOOF runs the sewing lessons Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Siya oversees the project too. Please pray, because the Wendy house where we do this project is really debilitating. We need a new structure.

3. SOUP KITCHEN

We have been running this ministry since 2010 and it has borne a lot of fruits, we have seen lives being changed by the power of the gospel. We use to feed once every Thursdays, but now we are doing it twice a week. On Wednesdays we feed children and on Thursdays adults, about 70 that comes every Thursdays. First 30 minutes of the soup kitchen, its singing, testimony and preaching. Siya is doing a bulk of preaching, Conwell, Musa and Myself are also on the roster, sometimes Siya gets visiting preachers to come and preach at the soup kitchen. We take that service so serious as if it's a Sunday service. We are seeing people giving their lives to Jesus almost every Thursdays.

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EXPLORE COURSE

Currently we have four students doing explore course from GWC, please pray for more students to join.



GWC STUDENT

Next year we are hoping to send a student to GWC. It will be for the first time our church is sending its own student to GWC since the church was planted. This is exciting news for us. Please pray for him as he is busy applying, hoping that he will be accepted in GWC.

We are ministering in difficult times. At the moment but of our members are meeting via WhatsApp on Sundays, others follow us on our Facebook live. Few who have no phones, others will send a voice note sermon to their children, we will deliver sermon notes to them.

PRAYER

We thank God that in the midst of covid, so far in our church by the grace of God we have not lost any member. Please continue to pray for the protection of our members. Pray that many will come to know Jesus. Pray for our church finances, Amen!

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