

## Christ church strand Newsletter for 1<sup>st</sup> term

### Update on my family

We are now in our fourth month in Cape Town. This has been a time of learning and adjustment for our family. We are still getting used to how things are done here, both in daily life and in ministry. I am becoming more settled in our new environment.



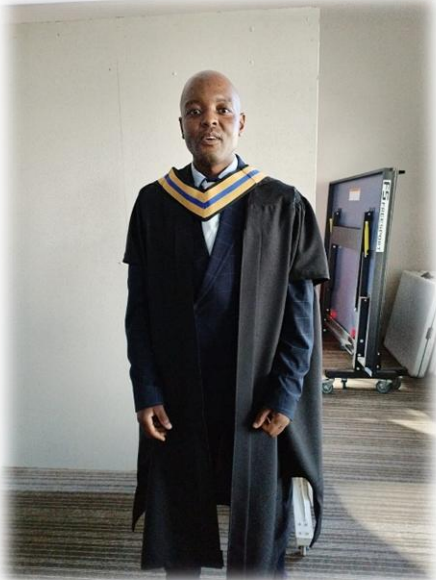
My wife, Sindy, has recently returned from KwaZulu-Natal, where she was helping our daughter, Slindo, to look for a tertiary institution. This was not an easy process, but we are thankful for the progress made. Since coming back, Sindy has started assisting at a preschool three days a week. This has given her a good opportunity to serve and to become more involved in the community.

We are especially grateful for our son, Sletho. After some difficulty in finding a school for him, he has now been accepted at Gordons High School, where he is in Grade 10. We thank God for making a way for him. We continue to trust God as we settle into this new place and new environment. We are thankful for what has been done so far and remain hopeful for the future.

Our daughter, Slindo, is also settling into university life. At first, it was difficult for her to be away from us, but she is slowly adjusting. She recently visited us during first term break, which was a great encouragement to us. We thank God that, even in our absence, she continues to attend church faithfully and is also involved in a student ministry called The Bible Talks.



## Graduation celebration



We thank God for Thembelani Tenene, who has obtained a Bachelor of Theology from George Whitefield College. He is now serving as a curate in Stellenbosch, Khayamandi, under Bishop Makapela. We give glory to God for this achievement and for His faithfulness in Thembelani's life.

We also thank God for Sthabile Ngcobo, who has graduated with a Higher Certificate in Theology. She is continuing with her studies and will be pursuing a bachelor's degree over the next three years.

We give glory to God for guiding her and providing

this opportunity. This is a historic moment for Christ Church Strand, as they had never sent a student for theological training before. Thembelani is the first student from Christ Church Strand to graduate with a Bachelor of Theology. We give glory to God for this milestone.



## Conwell Muyambo ordination

During Easter Saturday, the church celebrated with the Muyambo family as Conwell Muyambo was ordained as a presbyter by the Presiding Bishop. We thank God for him as he continues to serve God's church.



We are grateful for his faithful service, which continues to bless the English morning service and the congregation. We pray that the Lord may continue to strengthen, guide, and uphold him as he serves His kingdom with faithfulness.



## Ministry updates

We continue with two services the English and Xhosa services both are in the morning. The first service commences at 08:30 the second service at 10:30. It is encouraging to see believers coming to church every Sundays to hear God's words speaking to their heart. The average number in the morning service is around 50-60 whereas in the Xhosa service is approximately 90-120 saints.



Recently in the middle of March, we were blessed to be visited by Bishop Gary from Australia in our church. He preached on Luke 19. We were reminded that although Zacchaeus was rich, he still could not see Jesus because of the crowd and his height. We were reminded that even people who seem to have everything can still feel a need for Jesus, and sometimes we must overcome obstacles to find Him.



## Soup kitchen

The Ministry Soup Kitchen is still active every Thursday at 12:00. Many people attend, as unemployment is high and the soup kitchen remains a vital source of support. On average, we serve between 60 and 70 people each week. Siya Zotani is in charge the soup kitchen and is doing excellent work in managing its operations. Three women volunteers assist with cooking and preparation, ensuring that meals are served efficiently.



Once a month, a team of volunteers from East Mountain View helps with food preparation, offering important support to the initiative. We are deeply thankful to everyone supporting this ministry, and we truly appreciate your generosity.



Your contributions make it possible for us to assist those in need.



## Klapmuts

In Klapmuts, there is currently no full-time minister, and we have a few members that were left who gather in a small shelter. At present, outreach takes place every Tuesday afternoon through street evangelism, commonly



known as open-air ministry. We are also trying to evangelise more people and rejuvenate the work.



Services are held once a month on a Sunday in Klapmuts, while on other Sundays the group attends Christ Church Strand.

Please pray as we seek a better plan to serve the community of Klapmuts.

## Jumble sale

We held a jumble sale on 07 March 2026 where we sold items with the aim of raising funds, and it was a great success. We were able to raise R11,700 and used the money to purchase a Roland XPS-10X keyboard.



We would like to sincerely thank all churches and individuals who contributed by donating items. Without your support, we would not have been able to raise the funds needed and purchase the piano. Our second jumble sale will be held on 04 July 2026. We kindly appeal to anyone who may have items or goods they would like to donate. We would greatly appreciate your support and can arrange to collect the items.



## Somlandela pre-school



Somlandela pre-school continues to serve the community of Zola. At the beginning of the year, the number was initially lower, it has steadily increased they had approximately 66 children enrolled. We are grateful to the Lord for blessing the school with more learners, especially considering the growing number of preschools in every corner, which makes the competition quite high.

Recently, the learners went on a trip to Monkey Town. They had a great time doing fun activities like swimming, playing on the jumping castle, and using the jungle gym. The children were happy, laughing, and enjoying time together outside church premises.



The trip helped them learn how to play together, share, and be more confident. It was a fun and special day for both the learners and the teachers.



## Prayer points and thanksgiving

- Pray that God will strengthen Slindokuhle as she learns to stay without you.
- Pray that the soup kitchen ministry will grow and reach more people in need.
- Pray that God will provide more food, resources, and helpers.
- Pray that the people who come will not only receive food but also hear the Word of God.
- Pray that many lives will be changed and people will be saved.
- Pray for strength, unity, and wisdom for all who are serving in the ministry.
- Thank God for the growth and impact of each ministry