

CHRIST CHURCH STRAND

FEBRUARY 2021 newsletter

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We welcome *Mr Conwel Muyambo* in our team. Conwell is from Zimbabwe, he graduated at GWC end of 2020. Conwell, while being a student at GWC he served here at our church, assisting us in our English for at least two years. It is a pleasure to welcome him in our staff this year. Conwell will take full responsibility of our English afternoon service.



We are glad to also welcome *Musa Ndlela* as well this year. Musa will serve as our apprentice for this year, he will be serving mostly in our music ministry, also training and developing others in music ministry. He will also be doing explore course from GWC and also attending once a week at hope training. please continue to pray for Musa as He thinks about his long term plan for ministry.

Siya will take full responsibility of managing all our projects, soup kitchen, feeding, sewing project, gardening project. His main responsibility will be to oversee the smooth running of all the projects, ministering to everyone who attends our projects, including witnessing, preaching, pastoral care and discipleship. Please continue to pray for Siya and Siphokazi as they continue to serve the Lord here at our church.



MAKAPELA FAMILY



As a family we took some time off in December. We went to Eastern cape and KZN to visit our families, it was good seeing all our families and friends. My wife Mpumi continues to headup our pre-school, please continue to pray for her as they are working under very difficult conditions with covid. She is also involved in our gardening project. Philile is doing her second year in public management. Khanya has just started high school this year and Lona is doing grade 5. Pray for me as I focus on discipling, coaching, mentoring, training leaders, preaching and leading the church.



SOUP KITCHEN

Since end of march 2020 we suspended our gathering for the soup kitchen, but we re-opened on the 2nd week of February 2021 with careful covid protocols followed. Over 90 people now are coming, its also a great opportunity to share the gospel, so far 9 people have committed their lives to Jesus. We have been running this project for 11 years now. We have seen fruits through this ministry, we have seen people coming to Jesus and their lives being transformed and one of those is serving in our leadership today. Please pray that more people will come to know Jesus through this ministry.

CHURCH PLANTING

Since beginning 2020 we have had contacts with few families in Khayamnandi (Stellenbosch) and Klappmuts. We are in contact with those families. Some of the families from Khayamnandi on Sundays they take a taxi to come and worship with us here at our church. For now what are lay leaders are doing, once or twice a month go and visit the families and have prayers in their homes and open airs evangelism in their areas. Our dream is to plant churches in these areas before the end of this year.

church

We have not seen much growth in the last year due to Covid, but by the grace of the Lord we have not seen much loss. The shepherds with the help of the Lord has done a stunning job, working hard to follow up members of their house churches. Its only two or three members who have not yet come back but their shepherds are following up with those members. Since we have re-opened our church here in February we have seen people in our soup kitchen and at our church giving their lives to Jesus. On Thursday 18 Feb 2021 I was glad to meet with 9 people who committed their lives to Jesus. Pray for us as we do the follow up and help them to grow.

house church

Our house churches have grown so much, most of them have grown beyond the numbers required that each house church should have. 2020 we were hoping that some house churches would multiply but covid came and distracted everything. We hope that before the end of this year two of our house churches will multiply. Please pray that the Lord may raise more shepherds.

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MTHATHA: We have a heart for this City, our aim is to plant the church in this area in the next 3 years. We hope that by 2024 we would have a church going. Please pray for us as we are thinking about where to plant in *MTHATHA*. We are also praying for people who can partner with us in these church planting projects in how ever the Lord lays in your heart

C H U R C H p r o j e c t s

FOOD PARCELS: During lock down we focused a lot on doing food parcels, we had about 164 families on our list. The names were identified by members of our church and submitted to us. We first did food parcel deliveries in their homes but later on we did food vouchers via cell phones. Now we have only 10 families that we have kept on our list who are in real need, once a month we purchase food parcels.



DRIVERS LICENSE: we identified 6 young people, to assist them to get their drivers licenses. Sadly 3 of those dropped out of the project which was a lesson to us to choose carefully next time, 3 continued, one of those passed his license and two after trying so hard sadly failed. Please pray for us as we are considering to give the two girls a second chance. It costs the church R5000 per learner.

SEWING PROJECT: we are continuing with the project. Our aim is to encourage more people who are coming to our soup kitchen to join the sewing so that they can get the skill so that they can start their businesses. The challenge that we are having now is that the wendy house where the project is taking place is delapidating. We are praying and looking at getting good strong temporal structure that can be used for sewing project classes, to store gardening project tools and one or two offices. Please pray for us as we are looking around for better options. We are also praying for people who can partner with us in this project

GARDENING PROJECT: we have recently started with the project. Our aim is to get by the end of the year 100 community members who can be trained to do community garden, so that they can go and start their own gardens in their homes. We are glad that Orchard Africa will be assisting us with seeds, manure, and also to train people in community garden. Continue to pray for *Siya* as he manages these projects that the Lord may lead and guide him and that through him many will come to know Jesus