

Newsletter for the second term

Update on my family



I am doing well. We have now been here for six months, and we thank you so much for your prayers. We have settled in nicely and are now familiar with how things are done, including the different ministries and what they do.

My wife, Sindy, is also doing well. She works at the pre-school three days a week. She has also started studying part-time at Boland College in Stellenbosch, doing the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) course. Right now, she has classes three days a week, but going forward, she will study part-time with classes just once a week.

Our daughter, Slindokuhle, is on her university holidays and is back home. She did very well this past semester and passed all her subjects.

Ministry Update



The Lord continues to bless our ministry as we faithfully hold two Sunday worship services each week an English service and a Xhosa service.

Our English service has an average attendance of around 55 people, although attendance fluctuates from week to week. As is often the case during the winter months, we have seen a slight decrease in attendance.

Our Xhosa service continues to grow steadily, with an average attendance of between 93 and 115 people each Sunday. Combined, our two services have an average total attendance of approximately 150 people.

Pastor Conwell has been preaching primarily in the English service, while I have been preaching mostly in the Xhosa service.

We thank the Lord for the opportunity to minister to both congregations and are encouraged to see people faithfully gathering each week to worship the Lord and hear the preaching of His Word.

Please continue to pray for spiritual growth in both congregations, for those who are still considering the claims of the gospel, and for wisdom and strength as we continue to serve the Lord in these ministries.

Impact of Immigration Enforcement

The recent increase in immigration enforcement in South Africa has had a noticeable impact on our English



congregation. Approximately 40% of those who attend the English service are from Zimbabwe and Malawi. As a result, several believers have already returned to their home countries. Many had entered South Africa with passports but without work visas, forcing them to leave with little opportunity to prepare for their departure. While we are saddened to see these brothers and sisters leave, we trust the Lord to continue His work in their lives as they settle back into their home countries. This changing situation has also affected our outreach, as many of those we have been ministering to are no longer in the area.

Rev. Muyambo and his family have also been impacted. As Zimbabwean nationals, they have faced uncertainty during this time, and their family members in Zimbabwe have been living with concern and fear over the current circumstances.

Please pray that the Lord will watch over those who have returned to their home countries and help them find faithful local churches where they can continue to grow in Christ. Also pray for our church as we seek God's wisdom in developing new evangelism strategies to reach the changing population in our community and continue proclaiming the gospel effectively



Young Adult Ministry Report



We thank God for the encouraging growth of our Young Adult Ministry, which meets on Saturday afternoon for fellowship, Bible study, and discipleship. Our desire is to see young adults firmly rooted in God's Word and equipped to live as faithful witnesses for Christ in their families, workplaces, and communities.

We are currently studying the book of Romans, carefully working through Paul's teaching on the gospel, salvation by grace through faith, and the practical implications of following Christ. These studies have led to meaningful discussions and have helped the group develop a deeper understanding of the Christian faith.

Alongside our Bible study, we are reading *One Heartbeat Away* by Mark Cahill. This powerful evangelistic book has challenged us to think seriously about eternity and the urgency of sharing the gospel. It reminds us that every person is only one heartbeat away from eternity and encourages believers to speak boldly and lovingly about Jesus Christ. The young adults have responded enthusiastically to the book, and it has sparked many conversations about personal evangelism and living with an eternal perspective.



We are grateful to see genuine spiritual growth among the group. The combination of studying Scripture and learning practical evangelism is strengthening their faith, increasing their confidence in sharing the gospel, and encouraging them to become committed disciples of Christ. We thank God for His faithfulness and ask for your prayers as we continue to invest in the next generation of Christian leaders and witnesses.



Teen Ministry Report

We thank God for His continued work among the teenagers at Christ Church Strand. Our Teen Ministry is led by Sthabile Ngcobo, a student at George Whitefield College, with the assistance of Sabelo Mlotshwa, who is also studying at George Whitefield College. We are deeply grateful for their faithful service and commitment. Despite the demands of their college studies, they travel each week from Muizenberg to Strand to disciple and encourage our teens. Their sacrificial service is a great blessing to our church, and we thank God for their dedication.

The ministry continues to provide a welcoming environment where teenagers are taught God's Word, encouraged in their faith, and challenged to follow Christ in their daily lives.



It has been encouraging to see friendships grow and young people becoming more engaged in the life of the church. Recently, the teens enjoyed a fellowship outing to Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden. It was a wonderful day filled with games, a picnic, hiking, and meaningful conversations.



The outing gave the teenagers an opportunity to build deeper friendships, get to know one another outside the church setting, and enjoy God's beautiful creation together. It was a joyful and memorable day that strengthened the sense of community within the group.

We praise God for His faithfulness in this ministry and ask for your prayers for our teen leaders and the young people they serve. Pray that the Lord will continue to grow them in their knowledge of Christ, deepen their love for His Word, and

raise them up as faithful disciples who will impact their generation for the glory of God.

Klapmuts Outreach Ministry Report

We thank God for His continued faithfulness in the Klapmuts Outreach Ministry. Over the past few months, we have been greatly encouraged to see the Lord at work as the ministry continues to grow and establish a gospel witness in the community.



Our outreach now takes place every Monday, when we gather for Bible teaching, prayer, fellowship, and discipleship. On alternate Mondays, we go into the community for open-air evangelism, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and inviting people to hear the gospel. These opportunities have enabled us to build meaningful relationships and proclaim Christ to those who may never enter a church building.



As we do not yet have enough gospel workers to establish a regular Sunday congregation in Klapmuts, we hire transport each Sunday to bring members from Klapmuts to worship with us at Christ Church Strand. This allows them to participate in corporate worship, receive sound biblical teaching, and remain connected to the wider church family while we continue to pray that God will provide more workers for this growing ministry.



We have been especially encouraged by the consistent attendance, with between 21 and 23 people regularly gathering for the outreach. It is a joy to witness the Lord drawing people to Himself through the faithful preaching of His Word.

We thank God for the progress of this ministry and ask you to pray that He would continue to open doors for the gospel in Klapmuts, strengthen those who attend, raise up faithful local leaders, and provide additional gospel workers so that a permanent church

can, Lord willing, be established in the community.

Soup Kitchen Ministry Report

We continue to thank God for our weekly Soup Kitchen Ministry, which takes place every Thursday. Before sharing a meal, we gather for a regular church service where God's Word is faithfully preached. Our desire is to care for the whole person by meeting both spiritual and physical needs.

Many who attend are unemployed and face difficult circumstances, and this ministry has become a source of encouragement, hope, and practical support. We are deeply grateful to everyone who faithfully donates, volunteers, and contributes to this work. Your generosity enables us to continue serving those in need and demonstrates Christ's love in a tangible way.



If you would like to partner with us in this ministry, we would be truly grateful for your support. Your partnership will help us continue sharing the love of Christ through both the preaching of the gospel and the provision of meals to those in need. Our giving details are available on our website. <http://www.christchurchstrand.co.za>

Thank you for caring for the poor and for standing with us in this gospel ministry. May the Lord richly bless you for your compassion and generosity.

Sewing Ministry Report

We thank God for the Sewing Ministry, which has faithfully served our community for many years by equipping people with practical sewing skills. Through this ministry, many individuals have gained confidence and developed skills that have enabled them to start their own small businesses in fashion design and tailoring. In this way, the ministry has not only provided training but has also helped create opportunities for people to earn a living and support their families.

A special word of appreciation goes to Mrs. Kanyenda, who has faithfully led this ministry for more than ten years. Every week, from Tuesday to Thursday, she has generously given her time to teach others without charging any tuition fees. The church has only assisted with her transport costs, while she freely shared her knowledge and experience with those eager to learn. Her sacrificial service has made a lasting impact on many lives, and we are deeply grateful for her commitment to serving both the church and the wider community.

Mrs. Kanyenda also operated a sewing workshop where she made school uniforms for several local schools. In recent months, however, the business has become increasingly difficult. As a foreign national preparing to return to Zimbabwe, she has faced significant challenges. The decline in business, together with the financial burden of paying "protection fees" in the township, has made it increasingly difficult for her to continue her work.

It is with both gratitude and sadness that we say farewell to Mrs. Kanyenda as she prepares to return to Zimbabwe at the end of this month. While we will greatly miss her faithful service, we



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thank God for the remarkable contribution she has made to our church and community over the past decade. Her

investment in the lives of others will continue to bear fruit for years to come. Please join us in thanking God for Mrs. Kanyenda's ministry and praying for her as she begins this new chapter. We pray that the Lord will grant her a safe journey, bless her and her family, and continue to use her gifts wherever He leads her.

Jumble Sale

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who has faithfully supported our Jumble Sale Ministry by donating clothes, household items, appliances, furniture, and other reusable goods. Your generosity has made a significant difference in helping us raise funds for the work of the church.

Rather than throwing away items that are still in good condition, we encourage you to consider donating them to the church. We are happy to collect usable items, which are then sold through our jumble sales to support various ministry needs.



Thanks to your continued support, we were recently able to purchase two Wharfedale speakers and a power amplifier, greatly improving our church sound system. This is a wonderful testimony of how God uses the generosity of His people to provide for the practical needs of the ministry.



Our final jumble sale for this year will be held on **7 November**. If you have clothes, appliances, furniture, or any other reusable items that you would like to donate, we would be delighted to receive them. We can also arrange collection where necessary. To arrange a collection or for more information, please email christchurch.strand@gmail.com or contact **Siya** on **078 407 1499**.

Thank you once again for your faithful partnership. Your generosity is helping to strengthen the ministry of Christ Church Strand and is making a lasting impact in us

Prayer & Thanksgiving

- Give thanks for God's faithfulness in all our ministries, for the growth we have seen, and for the many volunteers, leaders, and supporters who continue to serve faithfully.
- Pray that the Lord would continue to save lives through the preaching of the gospel and establish believers in their faith.
- Pray that God would raise up more faithful gospel workers to help serve in our growing ministries, especially in Klapmuts and among our youth.
- Pray that the Lord would continue to provide the financial resources needed to sustain and expand the ministry, enabling us to reach more people with the good news of Jesus Christ.

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