Faith Baptist Church

from the Pastor's desk

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends of Faith Baptist Church. I greet you in the precious name and blood of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is with much prayer and thankfulness to God, that you are found growing in Christ. So much has happened over the past few months. So where to begin?

We have had twenty visitors come over and visit our small church over the past few months since I last corresponded with you. Praise God, as we witnessed and had the privilege, during this time period, to see five accept our Lord Jesus Christ as their very own personal Saviour.

It was exciting to see an old sister in Christ come over and visit us at our Church. The blessing for me was, not just the mere fact that Mrs. Els came over, but her son, Johnny has a special place in my heart, as he had the privilege of leading me to Christ in 1986. Her visit was short but certainly a blessing to see her and Noleen (her daughter) and to catch up on “old times”. I pray God continues to bless them, as they return to Kokstad.

It is with much sadness, as we saw sister Pennie leave for the United Kingdom in November for a short while (She will be back in six months). As she looks for employment overseas. She may be absent, yet still in our thoughts and prayers. Pray that Pennie comes back to us in good health and with the love of Christ filled in her heart.

God laid it upon my heart to have an open service out at Acacia Park. I must be honest, I had never experienced something like this before, so was not 100% sure what God was going to do, yet looking for a blessing! Although no visitors came that day (even though we gave out written invites five weeks, and two weeks and a week before the event), God still blessed that time. Some times the blessings are not seen immediately but rather afterwards and sometimes the workings of God is not in others, but for us as a Church to grow in Christ or as individuals through that experience. God’s Word does not come back void, nor is He not glorified in those types of circumstances. The outcome that we visually saw, is God has brought in two visitors, who have become faithful in attendance since our outreach. Praise God!

I must thank Bible Baptist Church Northdale for all their support, in the supply of chairs, spiritual support, and the choir for coming out and supporting us in song. It was a great blessing to hear them sing. Not only did Bible Baptist Church Northdale support us in this event, they were also so kind as to help out in dropping off tracts afterwards, to Acacia Park and Oribi Village. God Also blessed us with good weather and an opportunity just to be a witness to the folks at Acacia Park

It was a blessing for us, to be invited to Bible Baptist Northdale to their Christmas play. The blessings were in seeing children loving Christ, serving Him and presenting the message of Christ in the form of a play. But more so, it was also a blessing for our Church to see other Christians of a similar faith in other parts of Pietermaritzburg, that we are not all alone, not just a single voice “crying in the wilderness”.

“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. :27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. :28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. :29 And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. “ Gal 3:26 - 29

Love in Christ

Pastor Leo Minnaar

P.S I pray God does a wonderful work through you, as you grow in Christ!