



## from the Pastor's desk



Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends of Faith Baptist Church,  
I sit here in awe as I see God working in lives. As I reflect back over the past year and seen people visit our church and as we see people coming to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We have had the privilege of having seeing 70 visitors come since our church opened its doors and we have seen 12 saved by God's grace this year. "So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but **God that giveth the increase.**" 1Co 3:7



It is God's command for us not only to lead someone to Christ but also to baptize them, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, **baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**" Mat 28:19, and so, we have had the privilege of seeing, Mamokhele Thipanyane from Matatiele baptized 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2010. Baptism is also known to be the first step of obedience to the new Believer, It is a picture of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and it is a picture of the death, burial of the old you and we see the new you coming out of the waters, cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ, into a newness of life.

I am busy reading a book by Dr/ Pastor Bud Calvert of Fairfax Baptist temple, Virginia, called God's Passion. One of the things that he has brought out has really touched me, is when he looked at our Lord Jesus Christ's observation in Matthew 9:37-38, "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly *is* plenteous, but the labourers are few; :38 **Pray ye therefore** the Lord of the harvest, that **he will send forth labourers** into his harvest".

He brought out the fact that, even though your church may just be starting out, or your church may be running for several years, we should pray for labourers, with that in mind I urge you to make it a point of daily prayer (As I am doing) that God brings forth labourers even now, that He starts to move hearts and minds, that he stirs them up to serve him, for truly the harvest is plenteous and the labourers are few! He also remarks that we need to also pray for Church planters, not just locally but to reach out to the whole world. " But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and **unto the uttermost part of the earth.**" Act 1:8

The blessings of the year has been numerous, there is a hymn that we sing "count your blessings name them one by one" I was remarking to Pastor Myers the other day that I need to write them down so that I could remember, as we tend to forget them very quickly. I have noticed, when you ask the church to share a blessing from time to time, I just get a blank stare, then I wonder to myself, "Did the church not notice God working in their lives during the course of the Day or the week?" Did nobody notice at all? God is working in and through your lives daily, hourly. Take note, so when you come to your quiet time of prayer that you can give thanks, it is fresh in your mind and God gets the glory throughout your day and you will start noticing them as you go through the motions of your daily toil.

As you pray and ask God to bring forth labourers, look for the blessings as He answers your prayer in this regard.

Love in Christ

Pastor Leo Minnaar

**"But let him ask in faith,** nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. : 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord." James 1:6-7