

## Emanuelson Ministry Newsletter

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**Easter Sunday Service** 

**Greetings.** We thank the Lord for a great start to life and ministry here in South Africa the past six months! Thank you for all of your prayers and financial support which contributes so much to the ministry here among the amaZioni people. God is doing awesome things through the power of His word and the work of the Holy Spirit. We are thrilled to be a part of it! We hope you are encouraged by this update.



amaZioni Youth Conference

On June 18, amaZioni youth gathered to learn about "Living for Christ."

Johannesburg. January through March, we enjoyed working alongside Tim and Luann Kuehl while living near Johannesburg, in the suburb of Randfontein. We are grateful for their fellowship and guidance as we began to learn the ropes of life and ministry as ZEMA missionaries.

While living there, we regularly visited four Zion Evangelical Bible Schools, ZEBS. Altogether, about 80 students attend the ZEBS in that area. It was awesome to see how the Lord is using the Bible schools to strengthen the amaZioni people there. Students posed good questions and it was encouraging to witness many "ah-ha moments" as students learned Biblical truths in their classes.



Sunday School Teacher Training Seminar

Along with attending the ZEBS, we also had the privilege of participating in a Sunday School Teacher Training Seminar. We demonstrated, how to use a craft when sharing the gospel message with children. It was a great opportunity for us to prepare and present this in the Xhosa language.

King William's Town. After a great few months in Johannesburg we then made our final move to King William's Town, in the Eastern Cape. We are so thankful for a wonderful start here as well. Our fellow missionaries here, Luaan and Susanne Goosen have been a great help to us. We are learning a lot from them and are very grateful for their guidance.

We are truly amazed by the open door for the gospel and the teaching of God's word here. We have really enjoyed attending the "This We Believe" classes as well as the Zion Evangelical Bible Schools. In our surrounding area, there are currently three "This We Believe" classes which introduce the foundational Christian beliefs and nine Bible schools. On average it takes about four months for students to complete the "This We Believe" course and four years to graduate from the Bible School. We are so thankful for all of your prayers for these classes and schools.





"This We Believe" Bible Class - Scenery Park

Language Learning. It will take time to really learn the Xhosa language well, but we are encouraged by the willingness of others to help us.

After completing two language courses in Johannesburg we are now excited to be receiving language help from a very kind Christian Xhosa husband and wife. They are recent graduates of Union Bible Institute here in South Africa. We greatly enjoy learning and fellowshipping with them. We have also begun a Xhosa language correspondence course online. Please continue to pray for our language learning. So

far, it has been a lot of fun!

**<u>Prayer Requests.</u>** Thank you for continuing to keep us in your prayers. Here are some updated prayer requests and praises.

- We praise the Lord we were able to solidify our housing arrangements.
- Continue to pray for our language acquisition.
- Pray for the weekly "This We Believe" classes.
- Pray for the ZEBS classes. We are so excited to see spiritual growth in the students.
- We thank the Lord for the Christian friends and Bible studies the Lord has provided for us.
- Please continue to pray for our pregnancy. Lauren and the baby are healthy and we can not wait to meet him/her in early September.



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