

Grace Bible Church Family,

Greetings from the sun-splashed shores of Cape Town! The November newsletter is fairly current, but here are a couple of thoughts to add to that information:

1. In March of 2025, Debbie and I officially reach the milestone of 30 years of ministry in Cape Town! We praise God for His kindness and grace to us all these years. While we have encountered many challenges and difficulties in those 30 years, God has seen us through each and every trial. We also thank him for the wonderful partnerships we enjoy with churches like Grace Bible Church! Our support base has been quite stable all these years because of churches like GBC who have supported us and prayed for us all these years.
2. In January of 2025 I begin mentoring a young man in our church named Regard Beukes through the The Master's Seminary online program called The Mentor Model. We are grooming Regard as the potential replacement for Everglen Baptist Church in a few years. While I do not have to teach any classes, I will be meeting with Regard weekly to disciple him and help make all the academics practical.
3. In addition, Mike Adant and Rudi Barnard, from the church plant we are helping in Hermanus—70 miles south-east of us—will also be applying for the Mentor Model with the goal of beginning their studies in August of 2025. I will be serving as their mentor and meeting with them regularly and going through to Hermanus every few weeks to meet with them in person as well. In short, I will be doing a lot of personal mentoring over the course of the next few years while still engaged in other facets of the ministry here.
4. Finally, we will be hosting the 2025 Cape Town Shepherd's Conference May 15th—17th. We will begin gearing up for that in January. We are praying that we will reach 100 men this year—last year we had 75 who attended.
5. Also, please pray for Debbie as she continues to work with the ladies in the church here. She started a monthly Saturday study for the women who cannot attend the weekly Tuesday morning study. It has been a great success with some 13 women regularly attending and very appreciative for Debbie's efforts here. Pray for her as she seeks to help build up these ladies in the faith!

I hope this helps as the church prays for us. May you all have a most blessed Christmas season! Lord willing we will connect with you all sometime next year.

In Him
Mark C