



The SOUTHARDS

CHURCH PLANTING IN SOUTH AFRICA

APRIL & MAY 2025

We want to begin by **apologizing for missing a month of prayer letters**. We do not intend to make this a **regular occurrence**, and we are so grateful for your continued prayers and support—even in the silence.

God Saves Our Friend | A MIRACLE

Our friend, teammate, and brother in Christ, **Josh Sullivan**, was **kidnapped for ransom on April 10**. The situation involved intense negotiations and deep emotional strain. **By God's grace, Josh is now safe and reunited with his family**. Even the South African police authorities said it was **nothing short of a miracle** that he was rescued unharmed.

Please continue to pray for Josh and his family as they take time to heal from this traumatic experience.

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."

—2 Timothy 1:7 (KJV)

Hopefully Getting to Back Home

God has once again shown His power—our ban has officially been lifted! The court officially voted to lift the ban, and **Home Affairs has now been charged with a court order to carry it out**. He deserves all the glory! While it may take a few weeks for the change to be fully processed in the system, we ask that you **pray with us as we move forward in faith**. We are currently booked to **depart around May 15**, but as always, this **date is subject to change**. Please pray that all remaining paperwork and preparations fall into place smoothly and in God's perfect timing.

We're also seeking continued wisdom for Ashley's health. Some areas are improving, while others remain challenging. Our ongoing prayer is that we might faithfully say: **"In acceptance lies 'Yes, Lord.'" —Amy Carmichael**

Ministry Happenings | BAPTISMS, HEALTH, & HELP

Newton Park Baptist Church recently held **another baptism service!** God continues to save souls, and we are so encouraged by what He is doing. Please continue to **pray for the young believers at Newton Park BC**. They are eager to grow and are learning how to better serve the Lord.

We were also incredibly thankful for the opportunity to attend **Vision Baptist Missions Orientation** and sit under the teaching of our fellow missionaries. It was just the fire we needed during this difficult season. The truths we learned are ones we'll carry with us for years and were deep encouragement as we continue to walk in the calling God has placed on our lives.

We are so thankful that the Lord would see fit to give us the joy of serving Him. And we are so **thankful for you and your part in world evangelism!**



Easter Sunday



NPBC Baptisms



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