

Lewis Prayer Letter November 2016

Greeting Brethren, family and friends

Galatians 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.¹⁴For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

As this year rushes to a close it is good to reflect on the goodness of the Lord and to thank Him for all that He has done in Faith Fellowship, Fisantekraal and in our family.

When is a church a church? Good question for a church planter. I remember my mentor teaching me that when the people truly love one another, then it can be called a church. Through this year we have seen Faith Fellowship grow in their love for each other, reaching out, caring, praying and serving one another in love. I have witnessed great acts of kindness and love in action. The Gospel has gone out and we praise the Lord for the salvation of Talitha and then Charles who just recently announced their engagement to be married. This was all the result of Talitha's sister Grietjie sharing Christ with her who in turn shared Christ with Charles. Praise the Lord!

We thank the Lord for our co-workers in the ministry Ps Jim and Terry Miller who have been such a tremendous blessing to us and our church family. They work tirelessly in reaching out with the Gospel, discipling and meeting the needs of so many in Fisantekraal and Bloekombos. It is a joy to work alongside them and Ps Jim has come alongside me to help teach CMI and continue training the leadership of Faith Fellowship.

We are training Alec for the ministry in Fisantekraal and are praying about supporting him as a Pastoral Student. **We invite you** to consider giving towards his support so that he may be free to continue studying towards this goal.

We thank the Lord for the Breytenbach family who transferred into Faith Fellowship bringing additions to our music department in Suzelle playing the cello and Luzaan the flute. This has greatly enhanced our music and singing.

We praise the Lord that we were able to send 12 of the youth to Winter Camps and then hold our own Junior camp where **11 of the 16 kids accepted the Lord!!!**

This year we had a number of visiting Pastors who greatly contributed to the spiritual growth of our church. A special thanks to each of them for their teaching and matching godly lifestyles.

We thank the Lord for Dr Steve Stairs who taught the book of Philippians and first half of Daniel, Dr Marc Blackwell Snr for teaching the book of Ephesians, and Ps Lee Petersen for teaching a Hermeneutics course.

We also had Pastor Mike Tallman and his deacon Gary and Pastor Greg Shipe visit us from the USA. They are supporters of Ps Jim and Terry Miller. They came to visit us and especially to see the Fisantekraal outreach. What a blessing to have these men in our ministry and to sit under their preaching and teaching. They are planning to return perhaps in the new year.

We thank the Lord for our missionaries who are working so hard out there on the mission field sharing the Gospel and building into people's lives. We were privileged to have Ps Miles and Shirley Schilder come visit and share with us all that they are doing in Pacaltsdorp, George. We praise the Lord for His continued working through them, for the salvation of souls, the training of a pastor and the identifying of a potential site on which to build a church.

Ps Sthembiso Mahlangu visited us a few weeks ago from Faith Baptist Witbank and how exciting to hear how God is using this young man to reach out into the surrounding communities with the Gospel. Even while ministering in Faith Baptist he has found time to start a work in Spring Valley and has a further two potential sites for planting more churches. We praise the Lord for his zeal in preaching the Gospel and are certainly considering how we can get behind him as he

transitions from a Pastoral role to become a church planting missionary.

Personal:

We praise the Lord for His continued support of our ministry and church planting efforts and for providing us far more abundantly than we could ever ask or think. It is always amazing to see the Lord make things possible that we think are either impossible or going to be a huge burden in our lives.

David was given a place to stay at Hulpende Hande and has settled in well.

Mom reached the great age of 80 this year. We thank God for His grace and mercy so evident in her life.

Sue was blessed with reaching 50 and is doing well. I thank the Lord that she is such a tremendous helpmeet to me and I can trust her with all my heart especially in keeping our home going when I am out so often either discipling or teaching.

Amy turned 18 and is finishing her matric this year and has been accepted to study at Orm's School of Photography next year. Rather than attend a school Matric "dinner/party" Amy chose to have a private dinner with us. We were able to bless her with a special dinner at the Mount Nelson and give thanks to the Lord for her godly christian values and the choices she is making in her life. Please pray with us that she will continue to follow the Lord in all that she does.

I gained a new saying that I never had before. I can now say "**My cardiologist**" !!! All by the Lord's grace and intervention. My GP phoned to say she wanted to see me before writing a new script. I protested and said that I was absolutely fine, "fit fat and healthy." Well Dr Bovim insisted I come in for a checkup, took blood tests and then phoned me to say she had made an immediate appointment for me to see a cardiologist. Imagine waiting to see him and when I went around the corner to his office I noticed a notice board with my name written on it - LEWIS - NOOD. Mmmmmmh well turns out he is a

Christian Dr, praise the Lord and has begun treating my sky high BP. So new med's and walking Bailey our Jack Russell every day are the current solutions. Bailey loves this new found outlet and I am getting fitter by the day and BP has already come down dramatically. Praise the Lord for His intervention.

We thank God for each of you and for your helping support our ministry with prayer and acts of love that we know God will repay on that day when we all meet Him face to face. May He bless each of you abundantly over this Christmas crazy season and fill your hearts with love for Him and others and should He tarry yet awhile may we all be found busy with sharing the Gospel.



All our love,
Ps Cal, Sue and Amy