



CHRISTCHURCH

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Dear friends

It is a great joy for me to update you on the Gospel work that is happening at Christ Church Waterkloof. We have had a blessed few months serving our great God in this corner of the globe.

I just want to highlight a few things so that you can keep us in your prayers:

DNA Groups

I mentioned in our January prayer letter that we were wanting to start DNA groups. DNA stands for Discipleship, Nurture and Accountability. These small groups of 3 or 4 people – men with men and women with women – meet together weekly to get to know each other and to bring the gospel to bear on each other's lives so that we grow in and live out what it means to be the church.

These groups have been a highlight for me and many others at Waterkloof this year. There are quite a number of these groups taking place, and they are a wonderful opportunity to intentionally disciple one another to be people who live for God's glory.

It is great to see people prioritising these groups. We have some groups who meet at the crack of dawn and others who meet late at night because those are the only time slots that work. Many of us have found these groups an invaluable part of our lives together as God's family.

Please pray that these groups will continue to gain momentum.

GWC students

We have the privilege of having a few George Whitefield College students placed with us this year. We are praying that as they spend time studying God's Word to be equipped for a lifetime of ministry, that they too might get some good hands-on experience as they get involved in Waterkloof family life.

They bring a wonderful new dimension to the ministry we are doing and it is a great joy for me to be able to meet with them and hopefully help in equipping them.

I am excited to see how God will use them as a part of the work He is doing in the Helderberg basin.

Please pray for Masimba, Augustine and Andre as their first exams are coming up in the next few weeks. Pray too for Andre's wife, Janine, as she looks for work while he is studying.



Waterkloof Family Camp

At the end of April we had an incredible camp together over the long weekend. These are always wonderful times of really getting to know one another. For many of us some of the laughs we had late into the evenings will linger in our minds for years to come.

The vast majority of our Waterkloof family were able to join for this weekend. This meant that we couldn't fit into the camp house we normally use, so a number of us pitched tents on the beautiful lawn and camped out in style.

I love seeing the bond our Waterkloof children are forming. Pray for the next Waterkloof generation. Pray that their faith will eclipse ours as they live for King Jesus.



Joint weekday gatherings

Since we began meeting last year, our weekday groups have joined together twice a term for a joint weekday gathering.

These gatherings have now outgrown any of the Waterkloof homes, which is something to praise God for. It has meant that we have had to rethink how best to do these gatherings.

Please pray for us as we try new things in this area. Our next gathering will be at the end of a week of prayer in the middle of June.

Preaching

Please continue to pray for me as I preach most weeks. Pray that God would help me to understand His Word correctly, and pray that as I preach that God would plant His Word into the hearts of those who hear. Pray that they wouldn't only be convicted, but that God by His Spirit would be at work, changing all of us into a people who really live for His glory.

I'm currently preaching a series through the book of Proverbs which has undoubtedly been the toughest book I have ever preached through. Pray that as I continue preaching through it that we will all become wiser. Pray that this will be seen in us living God's way in God's world for God's glory.

New office

A few months ago I moved into a new office that has been built in my front garden. It is a great space to work from. Please pray that God will be glorified through all the work and ministry that is started in this office.

On a personal note

Family life has been a roller-coaster ride this year. As many of you will know we fostered two 8 year old boys until mid-January this year. Adele and I spoke after this about how we thought God might use us next in this area. We thought that adoption rather than fostering would be a better option for us as a family at this stage.

Little did we know that we would soon find out about a little 3 year old boy who was in desperate need of a forever family. We felt God stirring our hearts to be this little boy's forever family. And so for the last 3 months James Logan Hill has been a part of our family. When he joined our family, our kids ages were Hannah 5, Nathan 4, James 3 and Sarah 2.

This hasn't been an easy transition for us, but the dust is settling. It is a great joy and privilege to have James as a part of the Hill clan. We praise the Lord that in the last few days the adoption papers were signed so James is now officially a Hill.

Please keep our family in your prayers as we continue this incredible journey together.

Adoption is not only close to our hearts as a family but it continues to be a big part of our Waterkloof family. We rejoice that we can be a part of so many adoption stories that point to our ultimate adoption story into God our Father's family.

We praise Jesus for making this possible and we continue to live to make Him know.

All glory be to Christ.

Love David, Adele, Hannah, Nathan, James, Sarah and the Waterkloof family

