



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.

I thank God for your partnership in the Gospel as you pray for our ministry here in Somerset West.

Please keep us in your prayers for 2016.

A New Year

The beginning of a new year is always a good time to look at what you are doing and to plan and pray. It is our desire to be increasingly faithful and effective in the work God has called us to do.

As Christ Church Waterkloof we are now into our 3rd year of gathering as a church family. The work is now quite well established and it is our continued prayer that we would see many souls saved in this area in the year ahead.

We have seen growth in our numbers and so we have moved out of the room we have been using for our services for the last two years. We have had our last few Sundays in Urban Voices main auditorium which has worked wonderfully. We continue to thank God for the way Urban Voice have partnered with us in the Gospel.

At last years REACH SA Synod, Christ Church Waterkloof moved from being a church plant to being a daughter church. We are praying that in the next year we might become financially independent from our sending church, Christ Church Somerset West.

There are greater things to be done for God's glory in this place. We are praying that once we are financially independent that we will be able to make wise decisions on how to use our resources to increasingly make God known here.

GWC students

I am happy to report that we have a few GWC students involved in our church family again this year. Masimba and Andre were both with us last year and have agreed to stay on and take a few extra responsibilities.

Andre and Janine have moved to Somerset West as Janine is now working in a local school. Please pray for them as they settle into a new town, home and school. It is great to have them nearby.

I am excited to see how God will use Andre, Janine and Masimba as a part of the work He is doing in the Helderberg basin.

Please pray for both Andre and Masimba as they study at George Whitefield College. Pray that they will be well equipped for the years ahead in Gospel ministry.

Missional Communities

Missional Communities are our weekday gatherings. These are the heartbeat of who we are as Christ Church Waterkloof. Our desire is to live life as the family of God on mission together.

Last year we had three of these groups running every week. As of the beginning of this year we now have five of these groups.



We praise God for raising up leaders who can run these groups. It is our prayer that these Missional Communities would really be groups that function as families - loving and serving one another. But we are particularly concerned that our Missional Communities never lose the desire to see those in the world around us becoming disciples of King Jesus.

Pray that our Missional Communities would all be places in which people see Jesus at work in us and through us. Pray that they will meet Jesus in His Word.

Youth

In the second half of last year we started a youth group. At the moment this is a small group of young people who meet together once a week. We have a great team of leaders and we are praying that God will bless and grow this ministry in the year ahead.

Pray that a solid foundation will be laid now. There are many children who are currently in our Children's Church who will move up to youth in the next few years.

Pray for Mico, Mary and Nadine as they lead this vital ministry.

It was a great joy for me to see 4 of our Waterkloof youth joining the other 250 young people at the Cross Word Cape Youth Camp at the end of last year.



Preaching

I see it as a great privilege that I get to dig into God's glorious Word each week and to teach it to others.

At the end of last year I was preaching through 1 Thessalonians and I was greatly encouraged and challenged by this verse.

“And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.”

1 Thessalonians 2:13

Please pray that as I continue to preach God's Word that those who hear would accept it not as the word of man but as the word of God, and pray that God's Word would be at work in all of us at Waterkloof.

Before I get back to 1 Thessalonians in a few weeks time I am preaching a series on the Trinity. Please pray for me as a prepare for these sermons.

Week of prayer

During the last week of January we had a week of prayer. Please pray along with us that God will be greatly glorified through us in the year ahead.

What a great privilege to know that we can speak to our Father in Heaven knowing that He hears and answers for our good and ultimately for His glory.

Sabbatical

This is my 8th year of full time ministry here in Somerset West. The church leadership have urged me to take a strategic time of extended rest and rejuvenation away from the normal everyday stresses and strains of dealing with people—with souls.

Our hope is, from June to the middle of August, to visit a few churches/ministries around the country that are being run by friends and acquaintances who we hope to glean ideas from.

We will also be taking a good chunk of time off just to rest, pray, read and think.

Please pray for all the planning that needs to happen for this to actually take place.

Adoption Ministry

We continue to thank God for the ministry to international adopting families that we are involved in. It is such a joy to meet these families from all over the world and to be able to play a small part of their adoption stories while they are in South Africa.

Please pray that we will continue to be a blessing to these families. Also thank God for the great blessing it is to us to be involved in this ministry.

On a personal note

Last year was quite a difficult year for us as a family. There was a lot of adjusting that needed to happen as we moved from being a family of 5 to a family of 6. We are so thankful to God for the many people who held us up in prayer and who gave much practical help during the year.

This year is again one of many changes. It is the first year in which all 4 of our kids will be in school, and Hannah and Nathan are in new schools. Please pray that all of them will settle into their new schools smoothly. We are so thankful for the countless gospel opportunities we have as a family as a result of our kids being in school. Pray for continued opportunities as the year steams ahead.

Pray for strength and enabling for us as we continue to lead this work. It is such a privilege to lead this Spiritual family. We pray that God will continue to use all of us to make Him known in this place.

May God glorify Himself through us in the year ahead.

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

