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We have been in our new house and area for five months now and I can definitely see God working and how He is using us in this small village.





Ministry in our village

It has been good to take some time to settle in, adjust to having a baby and see what my ministry can look like in my immediate surroundings as well as further afield.

Noa is growing up healthy and well. She is always full of smiles.

Our bible study has got off to a really good start. We have a mixture of Zimbabwean, Afrikaans and English people. I'm really enjoying the time to discuss and explore the bible together. It is certainly helping me to develop my knowledge and understanding of the bible and to think more deeply about things. And I can see the same in others.



I have identified a need for starting up a children's bible study group so I am trying to make a plan for getting that going one day after school. The main issue I have at the moment is a space to meet. If it was summer time, I would meet outside on our property, but with it being winter and raining and cold most of the time, I don't feel this would work. In the future we will hold it in the studio space we are going to build, but it is going to take a bit of time to get that sorted.

Retreat Space

We have started making plans for getting the studio space built. We need to speak with an architect and get our plans drawn up, as well as get planning permission to do it. In the meantime, we are busy fundraising for the material costs, and Gavin is watching lots of YouTube videos so he can do the construction himself to save on costs.



We have created a YouTube channel to document the work we are doing with the house renovation and for developing the retreat space.

Do subscribe to it if you would like to see what we are up to.

Here is our latest video, where we explain God's providence for our electricity needs.

<https://youtu.be/Pibh6lfU8wY?si=mxKAYNKW93OEWUeY>



Where we live now is much more remote. Our nearest shop is a 20-minute drive away, and that is only for the basics. For more substantial things, it is an hour's drive away.

We have discovered that we can get fresh milk from the cows at one of the farms in our village. This is always a great time to bump into other locals. One lady I keep meeting there, I am hoping to regularly connect with and walk and talk in Afrikaans. Partly to improve my Afrikaans, but also to connect with people in the village and speak about Christ with them.

Women's Ministry

Back in Cape Town, we had a reunion breakfast for the ladies in the Cape Flats, we take on retreat each year. It was a great time to reconnect, remember some of the things they learnt about God on our recent time away and encourage them to connect with other people, particularly Christians.



Many of them don't go to church, so it was good to hold the breakfast at the church and invite them along to the Sunday service. The church is right in the heart of their community, so travel is not an issue for them to get there. They just need the desire themselves to go.



We have started planning the retreat for next year and got the venue secured. I am changing the way I plan the retreat, and rather than organising everything by myself, I am doing it together with my team. It has been great seeing them year after year involved in the retreat and playing their part whilst we are away, but now I would like to equip them and encourage them in the planning side of things. As we are all in different locations, we have been meeting online to debrief from the last retreat about what works and plan how we can do things better going forward. We have already brainstormed some great ideas.

I was super excited that it was two of the team members who decided we should do the reunion breakfast, so they organised and planned that all by themselves. It is great to see God working in the lives of the women I

have been ministering to, equipping them and inspiring them to disciple others.

Some Needs

- It costs a lot of money to take 30 ladies away on retreat. Next year it will cost £80 per lady. Let me know if you would like to sponsor a lady and join me in sharing the gospel with vulnerable, traumatised women, and give them an enjoyable time away from the gang crime and hardships they live in.
- With a lot of the meetings I am doing online for planning retreats and running training sessions, I am in need of a zoom subscription. Would you be able to bless me with a yearly subscription? If so please get in touch.
- I also have a shortfall in the funds I need to meet my ministry costs for the year. If you would like to partner with me in my ministry, you can do this as a one-off gift or as a monthly donation. This can be done through SIM, and if you are a UK tax payer gift aid will be added to your donation. Please go to <https://sim.co.uk/forms/give-to-serving-in-mission/>

Under 'Where would you like this donation to go?', please put Sarah Coleman, so they know to allocate it to my account.

For Your Prayers

Praise God:

- For the ministry I can see happening in the village we have moved to.
- That through my ministry I have been able to equip and inspire others to bring women together and encourage them with Gods word.
- That our bible study group has started well and we are having really great discussions about God through it.

Please Pray:

- That the women in the Cape Flats would desire to go along to church and hear the gospel clearly explained each week and that they would put their full trust in the Lord.
- That I can find someone to do the bible talks for our women's retreat next year.
- That we can find solutions and finances to do the things we need to do with our house and property.
- That people would sign up for the training and retreats I am organising and be helped by them.
- That we would continually seek the Lord in all we are doing.

Do keep in touch and let me know how you are.

Warm wishes

Sarah, Gavin and Noa



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