

South Africa, November 2022

Dear Friends,

We are grateful for a successful crusade that we were able to carry out in October thanks to your support. The caravan was ready just in time for use. We have just had telephone contact with the local pastor, and he confirms that the new converts are coming to the church and there are many new faces in the service.

We were able to hold our fasting and prayer days with the team immediately before the crusade on the grounds of the "Shalom Church". During this time, I worked with the team through Galatians. It was a good time.

At this point I would also like to thank everyone who prayed for the health of our coworker Mabongi. We had reported on her health problems over the years. Now something surprising has happened: shortly before the crusade, she had a pregnancy test carried out on the advice of a nurse. And indeed, she was already six months pregnant, without having suspected anything! This explains many of the "symptoms of sickness". Even if the prayer request has dissolved in joy, we ask you to continue praying, because the child has not yet turned. We expect the child to be delivered in mid-January.

The crusade this time was quite undisturbed and peaceful, which we are very grateful for. Although the rainy season had begun, the weather was better than expected. Only on the first weekend it rained with strong wind, so that the rain fell almost horizontally. In these uncomfortable conditions, three women came during the day to testify. Praying with them was very stirring. All three of them had come to faith the night before. They previously had crop failures in the cultivation of vegetables. In addition, they could hardly sleep, caused by noises as if someone were walking over the roof at night or knocking on the door. Two of them had been advised by traditional healers to perform certain rituals on the river. However, they decided not to put this advice into practice, even though they did not know why. Shortly afterwards we appeared with the gospel tent, and they testified that they had experienced the presence of God and entrusted their lives to the Lord.

Another highlight was the visit of the pastor of the Shalom church, as well as a missionary from Norway, who runs an orphanage in Greytown. Towards the end of the crusade, we were surprised by the local church with the gift of a (living!) Cow. We are used to slaughtering chickens during the crusade and there were sometimes goats or a sheep, but with the cow we were clearly overwhelmed. The church kindly helped with the slaughter, so our team members were each able to take home a lot of kilos of beef. Christmas is guaranteed for them!

In the new year we are looking forward to many visits from Germany, including our adult children Maria and Simon.

We wish you Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Bodo, Katja and Carolina













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