

# EMMERSON UPDATE

## JULY 2010

It is great to be able to write to you once again to report on God's faithfulness to us here in South Africa. In honesty it has been a trying month, with an increasing amount of spiritual warfare, but amidst the trials we have known God's presence with us and seen His mighty power at work in our lives. A very important passage of scripture for us this month has been Hebrews 13:5&6 "For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you". So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" 'What a blessing to know that as Christians, the reality is that God will never leave of forsake us, no matter how alone we may feel.



### **MINISTRY VIDEO**

Praise God that we finally got the latest ministry video completed and uploaded. We pray that as you watch it you will be blessed to see what we get up to in an average week here in Paarl. Here is the link - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1spQTsfExE> Enjoy!

### **ROBBERS 'R' US**

Just wanted to let everyone know what the outcome of last month break-in was. The robber got convicted and sentenced to twelve months imprisonment. However this sentence was suspended for five years, which means that if the guy can mend his ways and refrain from committing any crime for the next five years he won't have to go to prison. We feel this is a very fair judgement, please pray that this will really help turn this guys life around and that he will come to The Lord. Unfortunately we had another break in this month – someone broke in to our car in the middle of the night, thankfully there was nothing in the car for them to steal. Please pray for safety for us and our property and praise God that neither of these crimes were particularly serious.

### **ELIJAH'S BIRTHDAY**

Elijah had a wonderful first birthday, we were so blessed by all of the love and kindness we receive from all of our friends and family internationally. We put together a little video of his special day for all those who for obvious reasons couldn't make it! Click on over to Youtube for all the action - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mPpVWx2mfdg>



### **DRIVING LICENSE ISSUES**

Dave recently found out that when his UK driving license expires in October the British Government will not renew it because we are not currently living in the country. So unfortunately he will have to go through the whole process of taking the various tests here in order to gain a South African driving license. Please pray for this to go smoothly and quickly as he really needs to be able to drive in order to take part in so much of the ministry here. His written (theory) test is on Oct 7th at 12.45pm and he needs to pass in order to be able to move on the practical driving test.

### **GOD'S WONDERFUL PROVISION**

God has been blessing us in many ways this month. One specific area has been our finances – we have had several new supporters come forward and our monthly deficit has dropped to round about £170 a month, which is the lowest it has been since we moved out here in Sept 09. Please pray with us that God would even plug this gap, and would use it in the mean time to continue to teach us about faith and trust in Him. Another of His awesome provisions has been for us to book and pay for our places at the Calvary Chapel Africa Conference which takes place at Simon's Town in October. We are really excited to be able to attend, especially as Lydia (Dave's sister) will be joining us this year!

## **GROWING IN GOD**

As you know we have been doing scripture memory with the kids on the farms, this has been very effective (as you can imagine God's Word goes a lot further than ours). Dave has also begun this with the teenagers at youth group, please pray it would take root and grow fruit. We are constantly brought to our knees in prayer concerning the youth as they face very trying circumstances on the farms, we would ask for your prayer especially for Eben, Dwayne, Abigail, Lozelle, Joey and Sonya as they have a real desire to grow in the Lord. Please also keep Natasha in your prayers as she is due to have her baby in August.

## **PRAYER POINTS**

- Praise God for Elijah's wonderful first birthday.
- Praise God for His protection and blessings upon us
- Praise God for His bountiful provision for us
- Praise God that we are going to the Calvary Chapel Africa Conference
- Please pray for Dave to pass all of the various tests and get a South African driving license as soon as possible!
- Please continue to pray for God to provide a minibus for the church here
- Please keep Robin Spengler in your prayers as he leads the local prison ministries.
- Please pray for the Portland family as they prepare for the birth of Asher, who is due to arrive any day now. Please especially pray for Misty who is, as you can imagine, really feeling the strain at this point.
- Please pray for God's Word to be at work in the youth on the farms.
- Please pray for our physical and spiritual health as we have been feeling under attack of late. Please pray for our peace and well-being. Thanks

We love you all very dearly and we think of you often. Praise God for the work He is doing in and through us, it is hard but we feel privileged to be able to be partakers with Him in all He is accomplishing here in Paarl. With all of our love, until next month

*Dave, Vicky and Elijah xxx*