

Taste and see that the LORD is good

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Dear Friends,

Over the Easter weekend we feasted on God's Word as we joined with other churches for a conference on the Cross of Christ. We were reminded of the depth of God's love for us in sacrificing his Son, challenged by God's call to repentance and faith, and reassured of God's sovereignty over all of life. Thank you for your partnership in praying for our young congregation as we seek to be built up together in Christ.



A snapshot of one of the plenary sessions at the Easter Conference hosted by a partner church (Rev Richard Coekin was one of the speakers)



The top left photo is what the new venue looks like from the outside (very attractive and lots of potential). The other photos show the state of the garden and the interior which requires a lot of work.

Our church congregation is very excited that the sale agreement for the church property has been signed, our deposit of 30% has gone through and initial renovations have begun. We now covet your prayers as we seek to change the use from residential to church use, with the help of a town planner. We have informed neighbours on the estate, and some have expressed concern about noise and security. The street is a public road and already has traffic coming through from the slum. However, one neighbour is especially concerned about folk from the slum coming onto the estate for church and said that "those are bad people". Pray for God's Spirit to be at work calming people's fears and pray that the neighbourhood would embrace the vision of reaching out with the transforming love of Christ.

As we look back over the last four and a half years, it is amazing to see how the neighbours on our street have allowed and even welcomed the work we do with the many Sunday school children who come to our house. We trust that God will also be at work at the new location (street name: Mukabi Road). Please continue to pray for our church registration, which our property lawyer is working on.

Pray for the remaining funds that are needed to complete the purchase (about £130 000) and pray for our congregation to do what we can in terms of giving and fund-raising.



Some of the groups from our recent holiday club

Over the Easter holidays, we were able to host up to 200 children for a 4-day holiday Bible club. We are thankful for Ephraim, our youth and children's worker, who led this and for the help of our short-term missionaries Rachael from the UK (with us for 6 months) and Blaise from the US who is with us for 2 months. It always brings so much joy to see the children's enthusiasm as they come to learn about Jesus. Pray that God continues to provide the volunteers and help that we need for this work.

We are looking forward to the baptism of a lady who comes from the slum and her son, a man who has been converted from another faith, 2 teenagers from one of our church families and one of our Sunday school boys. We are also rejoicing that Kip's nephew Sean was recently

baptised. Pray that they would be rooted in Christ and be faithful to Him all the days of their lives. Pray too for the grandmother of the baby who died in the fire at the New Year. She had started coming to church and expressed a desire for baptism but has had several family difficulties to deal with. May she turn to, and fully trust in Jesus despite the surrounding culture where people fear curses and pay lip service to Christianity. May the Holy Spirit lead us and those we interact with to the Risen One who gives life – life in all its fullness.

Thank you so much for your interest and support.

Easteride blessings.

Love from *Kip', Rachel, Elijah, Ezra,
Susanna and Bethany*



We're very thankful for a few days away as a family before Easter where we climbed a mountain and explored parts of the Rift Valley we'd never been to before - beautiful



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