

The Sayers' in South Africa

Merry Christmas!!

Dec 2025

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We want to take this opportunity to firstly thank all of you for your prayers, your notes of encouragement and your support of the ministry God has entrusted us with in South Africa. We thank you for your partnership and trust that supporting this work has also been a blessing to you.

We've already enjoyed a few Christmas parties with the Safe House children and moms this past month and so grateful for those that helped make it possible. A special thank you to Extreme Response again for spoiling the children again this year.

December is usually our busiest month with activities, outings and camps over the Christmas and School holidays, and this year is no different.



It was a very special blessing to meet up with Mzamazi again! Mzamazi left Beauty's Safe House about 7 years ago after turning to a life of thievery and party life. It was a difficult farewell but he remained in contact with Beauty all these years. Mzamazi is now working with Home from Home as a Vehicle and Facilities Manager! He's also going to travel to the Easter Cape this Christmas to spend time with Beauty and her family. He views Beauty's family as his own. What a blessing to see a rebellious young man come right with the Lord and his family. This small victory is what it's all about.





In other news, Don is now resting for the remainder of the month after having the titanium rod and screws removed from his femur!

Yes, the hip has healed completely and the surgeon booked the surgery! He is now free of the painful titanium rod and screws! The surgery seems to have been a success!

We thank the Lord for answered prayer and that Don will likely be back to 100% and running again after the 4-week recovery.

Please forgive my expressionless face in the photo but I had just come out of surgery and didn't know my own name. 😊

Safe House Update:

We have had a challenging few months working with the Department of Social Development, over new rules and statutes. Essentially, DSD is demanding more oversight and parental regulations for all Safe Homes in the province. We welcome more oversight, to be sure, and we welcome more frequent assessments and input to improve things.

However, the definition of a 'good parent' and 'happy child' is a subjective term and DSD doesn't necessarily share our Biblical view of these definitions.

It has resulted in one of our mothers losing her certification as a foster mother and we've been working tirelessly at several levels of DSD to have her case heard by an objective 3rd party, so she can remain as a House Mother.

Do be in prayer for this outcome and for our relationship with DSD. There is much more to report but I'll reserve that for a personal email if you'd like to hear more about the rapidly changing child-care legislation in SA. It has come fast and is mirroring some nanny-state regulations that so many Western Countries are lamenting.

Child Sponsorship!

A heartfelt thank you for those who have joined our Child Sponsorship program! We are prayerful this will helps us stabilize our income stream and help us improve the quality of our ministry with a predictable and regular support stream.

Sponsorship is \$39 a month and this will help us cover extra-curricular activities, after-school tutors, School uniforms, books and home-maintenance.

The QR Code for Canadian Sponsorship is Here >>>>>>>>



Please standby for the US QR Code but for now the US office can process the sponsorship manually.

Living Hope Bible Church.

The past year has been a tremendous year of making much of Christ as a body of believers. Christ does not command us to 'grow his church' but to make disciples...and "He brings the increase" (Matt. 16:18).

We are pleased to announce that the church we are currently sharing will soon be available to us on a full-time basis as the other much smaller congregation is merging with another fellowship in the new year.

We are considering purchasing the building but it is contingent on the City permitting alterations and extensions since we will likely outgrow the building in the next couple of years.

We are still actively looking for land or any suitable building that we can call our own in the meantime. Our desire it is to build so that we can tailor the venue to our specific desires, but we would be happy with whatever the Lord provides if it helps us minister and disciple more effectively.

Pray for Denver and I over the next months as we look to affirm another Elder into the leadership. Peter and his wife have moved to Jo'burg for their retirement years, to be closer to family and this month Frank and his wife are moving to Polokwane so that Frank can pursue a Masters in Biblical Counselling. We are glad for their move but we will miss their service to the body at LHBC.

For now, the workload will be with Denver and I so it will be a busy season with the extra hands and help.

Pray for Living Hope Bible Church as we plan our ministry events and outreaches for the year ahead. Pray that God would be glorified and the believers edified.

Family News

Nathan has been accepted at Masters University!

This is a tremendous opportunity for Nate and now the challenging bit is applying for all of the available scholarships. We know that if it's the Lord's will that Nathan attend Masters, then He will make a way. We have been blessed just with the opportunity of applying and Nathan's acceptance. Pray with us that all of the funds required will be supplied.



Nathan Plans to move to Alberta in March 2026 to start working so that he can cover some costs for University in the fall. He doesn't have a job lined up yet, but he is looking and there are some options already.

We were blessed with a visit from Hudson in November! He joined us for a couple weeks and was able to attend his cousins wedding in Somerset West!



He's also been promoted at his company in Edmonton and is working as a supply chain manager. He's happy for the 'indoor' work rather than filling construction equipment in -30c weather. 😊

And lastly....We are expecting grandchild number 2!!!

Dani and Josh's baby is due June 15th and I would love to send Rachel to Canada to help with Dani for a few weeks after the delivery.

We thank the Lord for blessing them with another baby and pray that Henk would be a great big-brother to his sister/brother come June. 😊

Epistle Subscription

Just to remind you about the online email/update platform called "Epistle". It is a central portal where all of our monthly updates will be uploaded and accessible to all who Subscribe.

Yes, it is a free subscription, but it does mean if you want more frequent updates, this will be the best way to catch up on our happenings.

<https://sayers-in-south-africa.epistle.org/subscribe> - Here is the Subscription Link!

Prayer Points:

- Do Pray with us as we continue to meet with DSD to find a way to retain Beauty's Foster Mother certification and that they will allow the mothers more autonomy in their parenting.
- Pray for Nathan and the scholarship applications for Masters University. It has been such an unexpected opportunity to apply and a blessing to be accepted! If the Lord wills, Nathan will be attending Sept, 2026.
- Pray for Denver and Don as they look for Eldership candidates within our church to help with the ministry of the church.
- Pray for child sponsorships and for more sustainable partnerships in the Safe House ministry.

For Him - Don, Rachel, Danielle, Hudson and Nathan!

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