



# The SOUTHARDS

## CHURCH PLANTING IN SOUTH AFRICA



December 2023 Prayer Letter



### NAVIGATING THE UNKNOWN | TEMPORARY WORK

As many know, navigating our visa situation has been quite a journey. The intricacies of the paperwork have added an element of uncertainty to our path. **We are awaiting the outcome of our visa appeal. In our pursuit of resolution, we've enlisted the assistance of a new lawyer who assures us of an answer yet cannot give us a timeframe.** The uncertainty surrounding lifting our ban makes planning for the future a challenge.

Seeking counsel from various sources, we are praying through the possibility of **temporarily relocating to another African country to continue in ministry until our visa matters are resolved. We can legally re-enter South Africa in September 2024 after serving the ban or much sooner if our appeal with Home Affairs is approved.** As we seek clarity, your continued prayers supporting our decision-making process are invaluable.



### EMBRACING OPPORTUNITIES AMIDST UNCERTAINTY

Despite the challenges we face, God's work persists. The lessons we have learned during this time have reminded us that **we are simply God's servants wherever we are. We've had the privilege of leading Bible studies, teaching & assisting in the ongoing work at Vision Baptist Missions, and sharing Truth with young adults.** As the holiday season unfolds, our goal is to maintain boldness for Jesus. Your support and prayers are instrumental as we strive to minister for the glory of God.

FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF THE GOSPEL,

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