

Hello dear friends,

I'm writing this letter to you shortly after returning from Cape Town, South Africa, where, much to my dismay, I did not see anyone wearing a cape.

I went with a small group from our church to help with the church plant we have there.

God blessed the trip tremendously. **We were able to see 6,713 saved and 67 baptized.** This happened through a lot of personal soul-winning, as well as Bible clubs we had arranged in various neighborhoods where we shared the Gospel with very large groups all at one time. If I've ever mentioned how easy soul-winning is in Mexico, I don't even know the words to describe how easy it is in South Africa. The people there are more open and willing to hear the Gospel than anyone I've ever seen.

God also opened the door for us to be able to speak in several different schools where we preached the Gospel to hundreds of students and several teachers all at the same time. Many of these schools had a Muslim principal, and they still allowed us to speak to the entire student body about the love of Jesus Christ, His sacrifice on the cross, and the gift of eternal life He offers us. In one instance where we had finished preaching to one of the schools, the principal took some of us aside for what we thought was going to be scolding, and instead, was her getting us in contact with another nearby school and getting approval for us to speak there the following day. There we were able to preach the gospel to another 400 students. I was personally able to preach to over 1,000 children in total after all was said and done.

We helped get a projector set up for the children's class at the church, which has helped a lot in teaching new songs to the kids. We also were able to buy the pastor his own printer, and I was able to help set it up so that now he can print his own Gospel tracts. Before he was buying them at a print shop, but now he can make them himself at a fraction of the cost.

Thank you all very much for your prayers and support.

~Stephen and Wendy Simmons



