

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter - 2007

Prayer Partners:

**Eph. 3:20-21 - “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”**

We have been experiencing the reality of this verse since the inception of the Ballito church plant. God continues to amaze us with what He is doing and we give Him all the glory and the praise! We are now in our 15<sup>th</sup> month as a church, and we are using the word “Wow!” to describe everything God is doing. Time and space do not permit us to share all that God is doing, but here is a sampling.

#### **“WOW! Growth**

We hit over the 100 mark in attendance for the first time in January and have hit it for three consecutive Sundays. The Cinema we meet in only seats 120. We are exploring options to both locate and purchase land as well as looking at how to maximize our space and continue to facilitate growth in the short-term. **PRAY** with us regarding land and venue. There doesn't seem to be any options for a temporary venue big enough to house us. The prices of land are quite steep at the moment too. **Pray** that God would show us what to do and where to go and when to do it!

#### **“WOW!” AGM**

AGM is the term used in SA to refer to the Annual General Meeting for an organization. This is a business meeting where the organization looks back at the past year and ahead to the next year. We held our first AGM as a church in January and had a blessed time together. We prayed together, shared highlights of the year, evaluated our ministries and discussed a proposed budget. The discussion around the budget was so positive that we added another R6000 per month to what was initially proposed. This past week we had a business meeting to approve the budget. **Pray** that we would meet this goal as the budget is almost twice of what the average giving in 2006 was.

#### **“WOW!” Outreach**

One of the goals at the beginning of this ministry was to develop a group that is outreach focused. Too many times churches can become so inwardly focused that they become ineffective and unproductive. We are working hard to keep our focus on reaching and serving others. Church is not about me, but about Christ and serving others. God has been working in this area as we are seeing people getting excited and involved in outreach. For the past couple of weeks, I've heard stories from our church folk regarding opportunities they've had to share Christ with people. Our vase has a good number of blue marbles each week.

We have also emphasized missions from the very beginning. Our church is currently supporting one lady serving in Ghana and one lady serving in Southeast Asia. **Pray** that our church would continue to be focused on outreach. **Pray** that God would raise up the first family from our church to serve in missions overseas.

We are also stepping out in faith to send a team of ladies to Southeast Asia to do English camps at an orphanage. Sara will be leading the group and Lord willing, will be taking Abigail. **Pray** for this ministry as we hope to further the partnership between our SA churches and ministries in Southeast Asia. **Pray** that God would provide the finances for Sara and Abigail and the team to make this journey. More details coming soon!

### **WOW! Help**

Paul Esteves is a young Bible College student from one of our sister churches. We have known him for several years as he was a teenager when we led the area-wide youth ministry. Our church is currently looking at hiring Paul part-time to serve in the area of music and youth. In light of the current growth of our church, our limitations as a ministry couple are becoming clearer. We are not able to keep up with the workload we are facing. Paul will greatly assist us in keeping up and we can provide him with an opportunity to gain ministry experience. **Pray** for us as our church walks through this process.

### **WOW! Support**

We stand amazed once again with God's provision of support. Our trip to the States this past October was very fruitful in terms of contact with our support team and family and friends. God once again has Wowed! us with His supply of our needs. We are currently 100% supported for the first time in about 3 ½ years. Praise the Lord! Thank you for your prayers and for your continued support of God's work in Ballito.

In Christ,

Bobby and Sara Hile

(for a look at our prayer letter on PDF go to our website @ [www.hilefamily.com](http://www.hilefamily.com) and follow the links to prayer letter and then January-March 2007)

### **Praises:**

1. Church is growing (*over 100 3 Sundays in a row*)
2. 2 mid-week studies
3. Church Adopted new budget of R20,000/month
4. Church is supporting two SA missionaries.
5. About to hire part-time staff to help with music and youth.
6. Hile family fully-supported.

### **Prayer Requests:**

1. Salvation of Niel & Gill and others.
2. Development of lay-leaders and Bible study teachers.
3. Pray for land/venue.
4. Pray that we meet our first budget.
5. More Sunday School teachers.

6. Pray as we hire part-time staff.

Forthcoming Attractions:

**March**

10 – Free Car Wash  
13-16 – FBCSA Church  
Planting Conference  
17 – True Love Waits  
Training Seminar  
24 – True Love Waits  
Presentation at Umhlali  
School

**April**

8 – Easter Sunday  
11-13 – FBCSA Jr. Yth. Camp  
13-15 – Family Retreat at  
Sunbury

**May**

18 – FBSCA – Sr. Youth – Teen Leadership Conference

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