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**DATE: December 1st,
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Dear Brethren, Greetings,

We seemed to be in our normal pattern of rainfall these days and enjoying every drop of God's blessings!

Sylvia and I are blessed with good health at the moment for which we thank our gracious Father and pray the same holds true for you as well and most importantly in the spiritual realm.

Mary Steeneveldt is the young lady our son Desmond introduced us to as his girlfriend. I arranged some classes with her and she very quickly understood that she needs to change if she ever hoped to get to heaven one day.

Desmond and Mary were married on Friday November 7th, we celebrated Desmond's birthday on Saturday November 8th and Mary was baptized into Christ on Sunday November 9th.

Our son married a wonderful wife; we gained a great daughter-in-law and the kingdom of Christ expanded with a dedicated citizen – an all-round winning deal I would say!

Our family (spiritual and physical) is very happy – to God be the praise!

It was a pleasantly surprised to receive an e-mail from Hennie Visser who is a preacher in our Western Cape Province. Hennie had received an e-mail from Eric Reed (another preacher in Cape Town) regarding some person who had contacted Jordan Park congregation in Huntsville Alabama via their website about church membership. Because both Eric and Hennie are in Cape Town they contacted me to make an appointment with this person who lives in Johannesburg and who introduced himself as “Pastor Patrick”

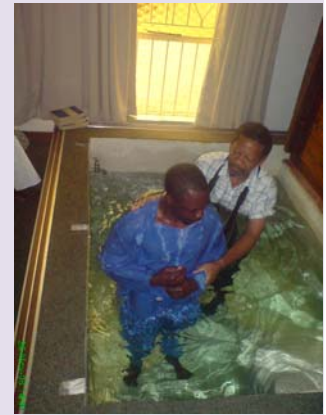
I went to the address on Tuesday November 11th but could not find it and so wrote an e-mail to “Pastor Patrick” to verify his details (I asked him to let me have his contact telephone number or contact me on mine) He contacted me and we set up a meeting for Thursday 13th. Our first meeting was just to find out what he had in mind by contacting Jordan Park congregation and I came away with the distinct impression that their only desire was to be part of a larger “church group” without having to change (sort of incorporation)

My follow-up meeting with them was on Monday November 17th (on which occasion I took with me a young man who is part of the congregation in Soweto – Trevor Raoleka) and then we had a good discussion concerning what it means to be a congregation of the Lord (they would have to change

by doing what the Lord commands in the New Testament) They were not very happy with what I had to say.



However they scheduled another meeting with us on the following Monday November 24th and we again did not hold back on presenting the truth of the Gospel ("Unless a man is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God' John 3:5) I was skeptical that these people, who at this time now numbered three men, were charismatic in nature, were French Congolese and very stubborn, would have any interest in the truth of the Gospel.....but I was wrong!



They went away determined to disprove our stand from the Scriptures and ended up contacting me and telling me that they were ready to be

baptized. I was amazed and still a bit skeptical. We arranged to have another session with them on Wednesday and afterwards I had to accept that their intentions were genuine and we baptized



three men and one woman at our church building in Brixton. We greatly rejoiced with the angels in heaven!

We intend to meet with the rest of the group on Saturday November 29th and we will see how far the rest of them are willing to trust God to save them through the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. It is possible that a new congregation may be formed in the South of Johannesburg. Please remember these efforts in your prayers!



We will be winding down our activities at the

prison because during the month of December the prison officials normally take more vacations than usual and there will not be enough staff to supervise the various activities of the prisoners. Plus this is normally the time when more family visits occur and the prison official have therefore decided to curb or stop all "religious workers" activities. We will resume sometime in January 2009.

Here is my weekly schedule:

MONDAY EVENING Our studies with Simon and Fransina have been put on hold because of his workload at the bank. They are running year-end programs and since he is a computer programmer he is constantly on standby. We have agreed to restart the classes as soon as he is available again.

TUESDAY MORNING My Tuesday morning class is with Derrick, Lorraine, Dorothy and Shirley. Our study has not progressed much because of the participants' ages and health conditions. However our studies have progressed to the beginning of chapter thirteen of the book of John

TUESDAY EVENING My class with Mary is going very well as she is a very diligent student (I am not just saying that because she is now our daughter-in-law) As soon as we are done with the lessons on the book of Ephesians we will be going on to the Mark-your-Bible series.

WEDNESDAY EVENING We are making better progress in this class than seemed possible in the beginning. After I laid a good foundation for establishing authority from the Scriptures, all the topics that would have been problematic seem not to be as troublesome and time-consuming as I thought it would be. We have just finished the topic of "head-covering" [1 Corinthians chapter 11:1~16]

THURSDAY EVENING The class I had with Jeremy, Claudine and Hazel has stopped and I have planned to substitute it with a class with the new Congolese saints.

FRIDAY EVENING Evert and Angelique are nearing the time of the arrival of their first-born and have had to cancel our class so that they can concentrate on the preparations for the baby. I am not sure when we will be able to resume this class.

SATURDAY MORNING From Saturday November 29, 2008 I will be having regular sessions with the Congolese saints from 09h00 to 13h00.

SUNDAY MORNING AND EVENING I spend alternately at Brixton or Brakpan either teaching classes or preaching sermons.

Brethren, thank you for support both in prayers and financially.

Please give our love and greetings to the assembly of the saints with whom you meet

Your servants in Christ

Alan and Sylvia Fox.