



George Newsletter

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But this I call to mind, Therefore I have hope. It is because of the Lord's loving-kindnesses that we are not consumed, because of his (tender) compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great and beyond measure is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion and my inheritance," says my soul; Therefore I have hope in Him and wait expectantly for Him. The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to those who see Him (on the authority of God's Word) Lamentation 3: 21-26

AN OVERVIEW OF GRATITUDE:

Look what the Lord has done and it is marvelous in our sight! We are closing out 2025 and opening up 2026!

For us at LIFE this has truly been a watershed year as well as a tear-shedding year. The Lord has kept us going through many painful, but also many joyful experiences.

A major emphasis for us for ending this year and going into 2026 is to realise who we are, and to live out and speak out for Christ. It is possible to know ABOUT Jesus but there is a difference when you KNOW Him. To know Him is to call Him Lord and make this a public confession to those around us. In WORD and DEED to be like Him.

This led us to baptise 35 of our youth and children in December. Warradia led the worship and Neville and I conducted the baptisms.

The children were taken through scriptures as to what baptism meant, that they have to make the choice and that it is a sign to the world and their friends—'We are new creatures in Christ.' After our December holiday club (the theme was simply JESUS) we ended on the Friday. An invitation went out to the kids who indicated they wanted to be baptised to be at the Village on Monday 15th December. Again the Lord showed up. We did not know if our little blow-up pool from Happy Feet would work and it didn't. We discovered it had a hole in it. Mia, Neville and I set out to get a pool. The only one we thought could work was priced way above our budget. In my head and heart I asked the Holy Spirit what He thought and I had a clear—'go ahead. WE did and had the money back in the bank that afternoon.

We decided to break the "Normal" modus operandi and joined hands with Bethesda (another NGO in George) for our annual big fundraiser. It was an interesting learning curve but also a blessed time to get to know our fellow people in the field. It was a blessing to have Philip Verduyn as our Master of Ceremony again. Elvis Brew (Jan Hoogendyk) did the entertainment for us and again, he is another true friend. James from the board, together with his wife was actively involved with the event together with our EXCOM team members.

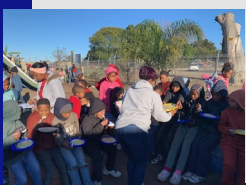
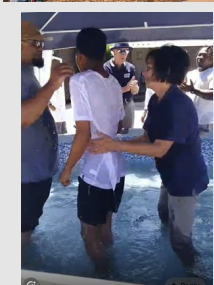
Another wonderful event was our Winterkinders, led by Eden Church. Some would say, "same old same" as we model the blueprint of a "mini-holiday program" but it works and everyone knows what to do and what is expected. Over many years Barbara and Koos Van der Merwe together with Eden Gemeente have invested in the children at LIFE Community Services. The format of Word, Worship, Food, Games and then jackets, gloves and beanies, are such a gift to the children who do not have sufficient winter clothing. This year, Mia led the children in flag worship and all I can say is: ANOINTED. It is wonderful to have friends who whole heartedly love the Lord and support LIFE Community Services.

Our school structure is rapidly changing as we are honing in on the Bible Lessons as a prerogative for a foundation in Christ. This includes memorizing scripture and again, it is amazing to see and hear how the children in the lower grades are quoting Bible verses. They are learning to HIDE God's Word in their hearts and it gives the assurance that that they will not sin against Him.

The new challenge we faced was when our Principal (at that time) Cindy Nortje, had to move due to her husband's job. Our Deputy Principal, Estelle Marais, filled the position as Acting Principal. Amanda Stopforth became Deputy Principal in her place.

We are filled with gratitude as we all know it was not an easy transition for anyone. In December we met a Godly, experienced man, whose heart was moved by the brokenness around the area. After a most successful interview, Jako Carstens will take up the position of Principal on January 1, 2026 and him and his precious wife Penny, are now part of our our school family. Estelle Marais will resume her position as Deputy Principal.

We said a sad good-bye to Amanda Grade 7, and Zelda grade 2 teacher. Amanda is moving on as her life and interests have



changed. She has endeared herself to staff and children but we do understand and wish her all that God has for her. Zelda, who taught with us for two years, accepted a position at a special school and our prayer is that the Lord will go before them.



LCA had the privileged of receiving a person from the Dept of Education in Cape Town to come to see who we are, and where we are located and what we are doing. They were impressed and we were blessed.

Other events at LCA included the concert which brought great honour to the Lord. Again, the flag-worship at the end was so anointed that you literally sensed the presence of the Lord in the hall. The children took us through the old testament and how the events all pointed to Christ.



Teacher Nicoline from the Grade 2 class seriously embraced the notion to take the 'classroom outside' and it was a joy to see the children working outside and not be distracted. Another amazing factor was the number of Bible Verses memorised by the children and to see them quote the verses with joy.



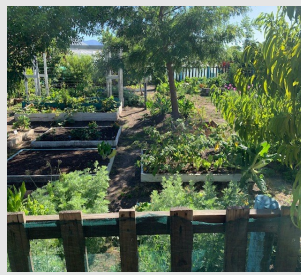
The school has made great progress with the amazing teachers we have. During the prize-giving Assembly, the new Head Prefects were announced and we are thankful to announce our new Head Prefects are Nolan Nel and Aluve Makhenkwana.



The Greater Tennis Academy has been partnering with us for years now and we are grateful for their investment into the lives of our children. Four of our players are developing wonderful skills and making headway at the Academy. One of them is our new Head Boy, Nolan Nel. Their godly influence and support has been an incredible support for all of us. One of our kids, Onothando who is now in Grade 9, made the South African Team who played in the UK this year.



At the Village, Mr Denzel took the initiative to paint the inside of our ark. He made use of the leaving Grade 7's so they have left an imprint on the Village. It has made a massive difference and lightened the ark. We also fundraised and DAFCO put a roof over all the containers—that is a proper roof with gutters and water-tanks they donated. We are thankful for



their investment and the blessing it brings to have more "water harvesting" as we are experiencing a drought in George.

Under the leadership of Lizzy and Suzanne and Naelon the gardens have continued to develop and this year we have a harvest of fruit and well as veggies for which we are most thankful. The children are indeed being blessed by the Lord as all our products are "organic". We teach the children that a healthy body is needed to operate properly. To see their dedication to the garden, is a joy.



The end of the year brought joy and excitement to our parents who attended the Happy Feet Concert. The performance was one hour and all I can say, it was the best ever. The children were unrestrained in their praise, excited in their space and shone with the love they have for Jesus. Thank you Happy Feet.



Another highlight was the Grade R graduation. We spoke with the parents re their commitment to love and lead the children and the incredible responsibility to keep their lives as an example for the children to follow.



Eden Gemeente blessed us with a very special Bless a Child (Angel's Breakfast) for all our preschoolers. 200 of them were welcomed, loved on,



played, ate and then got their gifts. The little faces were gems to behold. Thank you to ALL who donated to the program. We are deeply moved with gratitude for the open hearts you have for our children. The compliment that our children are well behaved, was and encouragement to our teachers and staff.



The centers are experiencing a move of the Holy Spirit as we delved into a new curriculum and the outcome of that was the baptisms we mentioned earlier. Our desire is that the children will develop a hunger and thirst for righteousness to keep them standing in the midst of the cesspool of unrighteousness surrounding them on a daily basis.



For the older children and youth, we combined Bless a Child and our last Holiday club for the year. What a blessed time with the children. After the programme, Philip was, once again our faithful

Father Christmas, we had games, food and fun. We experience a miracle again as we managed to give every child a gift and bless everyone with the story of The Greatest Gift JESUS. Every person received a gift, a cupcake, food and LOVE.

For this year the word the Lord gave us is that LIFE is like an ark for the children and youth. A place of safety, understanding and protection. This gave inspiration to our friend and prayer partner, Stanton Solomons. Using scrap wood, he built a magnificent model of the ark, and Isipho made the animals. We displayed this at the mall and at one of our events. It has since then been used at functions and this December, at the Boerevintage Market at the Strawberry Farm. The Story and the ark was part of our stall we had set-up. It is such a story of HOPE and saving grace that we wanted it to be displayed wherever we could. Another artist friend painted a complete color rainbow and sky which we used as backdrop.

Then came our end of year function that the staff look forward to all year. It was a blessed function. The place where we originally booked to take the staff, burnt down, we had to find an alternative. What an incredible blessing. All 60+ staff members came and we had a celebration, second to none. The bowling was a highlight for everyone and the competition, fierce. We are proud to announce that our winner was Mike who happens to be the winner of the Frisbee golf played by the men! He is our CHAMPION FOR THE YEAR. Philip took the prize for the oldest player from the LIFE Family. The staff had an opportunity to walk on the beach and relax till we got in the vehicles and travelled to the hotel.

The worship was led by Michael and it was an incredible witness to the whole Dias Hotel where we had the event. The presence of the Lord was felt heavily and the joy of the staff was contagious. Another highlight for us and we are grateful to the Lord for His hand of mercy on us.

It was a time of reflection, fun and relaxation in the Presence of the Lord. Not many people have this privilege and we appreciated every moment.

From the staff, the children and everyone at LIFE we want to wish you a blessed Christmas and a prosperous, Christ-filled and JOYOUS new year. May the presence for the Lord go with you.

Thank you for the support and love we received from our donors, friends in George, Churches, NGO partners, event supporters, staff, parents at the school and all our missions and overseas friends. WE would never be able to run this organisation if we did not have you. One such friend is Andy Pedrick from the UK. He visits us annually and always brings new friends and veggies. Andy and his wife Shirley who has sadly passed, have been supporting the ministry for many years plus he manages our donations from the UK. We thank you Andy and look forward to you next adventure in South Africa.

Another friend is Kimberly Blackgrove. She has been our accountant, friend and 'cheerleader' for 25 years. Then the GRACE AND LOVE OF THE LORD can never be under estimate. We would not exist if not for HIM.

Shalom, Peace and thank you "for carrying faith with us when life gets heavy."



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