

## Levendal Family Update



We trust you had a lovely festive season, as we did. Although it feels like a long time ago already! In December we took a holiday and visited Vernel's family in Mossel Bay. It was so good to rest and reflect on 2017, as well as look ahead to 2018. We have really hit the ground running since we started back after Christmas. We have lots of news that we are so excited to share with you!

As we spent time praying for 2018 we felt God say that we are entering into a **season of acceleration and fulfilment of promises**. One of the things that God promised us before we moved down was: **“He will PLANT us in this land so deeply that we cannot be uprooted. We can really put down roots and settle here. It is a place where we will flourish and meet our greatest potential.”** We can really see how God is bringing fulfilment to this word. This year we can apply for Katie's permanent residency for South Africa (as we have been married for more than 5 years). Also.... **God is opening a door for us to be able to buy a house, which is really a dream come true!**



We are going to be receiving some early inheritance money from Katie's parents which will help towards buying a house. We started looking at the end of last year and found the house in the picture, which is just a few minutes down the road from where we live. We both fell in love with it and felt this is the one! It's everything that we could want for our family (its spacious, there is big garden for the boys to run around in and even a little granny flat that can be rented out).

The house is selling for 1.2 million rand (71,000 pounds). We don't have the full amount, so we still need God to make a way, but we have already seen God's favour at work. When we explained our situation to the owners they prayed about it (they used to be missionaries and their heart is that the house would be a blessing to the nations). They really want to sell the house to us

and they felt that God will provide all the money we need! We came to an agreement that they will rent out the house and give us until the end of June to come up with all the money!

We have done some research on getting a mortgage, and it is possible, but it still won't be enough to purchase the house (as we are full time volunteers they will only give a small loan). Most missionaries here struggle to get a mortgage so they find someone to loan the money from overseas and pay it back with interest. If you have savings and would be at all interested in making an investment or even if you know of someone please let us know! We are looking for around 30,000 pounds loan with 10 year payment plan. God is the God of miracles though, so he could also pay it off for us sooner!

### **Coming to the UK**

You will probably remember that we tried to make it over last year, but it didn't happen, it obviously wasn't the right time to come. That being said we are trusting that we will can come this year **May/June**. We have 500 pounds pledged so far towards our tickets. We still need around 1,500 pounds for our tickets and vernel's visa money. If you feel to give or you just want to book time with us let us know soon so we can start making plans!

### **YWAM JBAY**

#### **We are growing...quickly!**



**The growth of the ministry is our other exciting news!** The first 2 years here things have moved quite slowly but it is really accelerating now. This time one year ago we re-opened the base with only 4 adults on staff (and our 2 boys). We ended last year with 8 adults (3 kids).

The start of this year we welcomed 10 new staff which included 2 new families! With this comes new problems (but good problems)! We need more space. We can't play it safe anymore and stay in our comfort zones (in any area). We are going to need to trust God for a bigger space and make room for the future growth and fulfilment of the vision.

## **DTS**

We are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the Bridge Builders Discipleship Training School and we have 10 students. The topics we have covered so far on the school have been Hearing the Voice of God, The Holy Spirit & Character and Nature of God.



Although I (Vernel) am the overall leader of the school, I am mentoring our younger staff to take on more leadership. This is giving me more time to focus on moving the base forward as a whole. The outreach location is Brazil and the students are very excited...

## **Prayer points**

- **UK flight tickets/visa money**
- **The HOUSE!**
- **Wisdom as we try to move the base forward in the direction God is taking us.**
- **Grace over our family as we figure all this out!**

**Thank you so much for all your love and support. We so appreciate it!**

**Vernel, Katie, Judah & Zach xxxx**