

Levendal Family News

Introducing Florence-Mae Thembisa Levendal...



We are delighted to announce the arrival of our beautiful daughter Florence-Mae. She was born on the 1st April weighing 4.1kg! Its very exciting to mix things up by adding a girl to our tribe. The boys are very taken with their little sister, if not slightly over enthusiastic with their love and affection at times. It was quite a difficult pregnancy and Katie ended up in hospital for a week with pre-eclampsia. It was tough on us all, but we thankfully we had a lot of help and support. Both sets of grandparents were here back to back which was a huge blessing and our church connect group have been amazing, helping with meals and looking after the boys. Some complications arose when they tried to induce Katie's

labour, so she ended up having an emergency c-section. Her recovery is going well and Florence-Mae is flourishing, just like the meaning of her name...to bloom/blossom.



Family needs/Prayer Points

- Pray for us as we all adjust and adapt to having a small baby in the house and being a family of 5.
- Soon we hope to apply for Florence-Mae's passports (South African & UK) and will need about £100 for both.
- We are without a car this week, when we took it in for a service last week, they found a problem with the gearbox. If not done urgently it could become a much bigger/more expensive problem so by faith it is currently in the garage getting fixed, but we are still in need of £200- £250 to cover the cost!
- We are looking for a sponsor for Zach so we can send him to Preschool for 2 mornings a week. He's very keen to join his brother! The monthly cost is R450 (£25).

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Base Training



Bridge Builders DTS

The Discipleship Training School (DTS) that started in January left 2 weeks ago on outreach. They are currently in Durban, South Africa but will be leaving in a week for Germany/France. This is very exciting because God has been speaking to us for a while that he wants to connect us with Europe, but this is the first time the door has actually been open for a DTS to go there on outreach. We saw such amazing

favour with their visas and finances! The students are all from South Africa. This is significant because there have been so many prophetic words about a missions movement from this nation/continent to impact the rest of the world. Missions was traditionally seen as those from the West being sent because of their Christian heritage and economic strength. We believe this is the time for us to step up and partner with what God wants to do in Europe and to see a revival. As the majority of our Bridge Builders DTS (Jan) are South Africans we hope to make this a regular destination for the outreach location and see what long term partnerships and connections will come from it.

Launching our new Surf & Skate DTS

Since the base re-opened in 2017 we have run 2 Discipleship Training Schools a year, the Awakening Nations DTS in September and the Bridge Builders DTS in January. This year we will run 3, as we are launching a new DTS which starts this coming Easter weekend. The focus is surfing/skating as we are living in surfers paradise it had to be done! It is being led by a lovely couple from Brazil who also serve on the new leadership team for the base.

Base Ministries

In all honesty it hasn't been easy for us to get ministries off the ground. Our 3 year anniversary of moving to Jbay has just passed and although our training (Discipleship Training Schools & Missions Experience Camps) are growing/gaining momentum and becoming more established its not the case with the base ministries we have tried to start. People have left who we thought would get certain things off the ground or things we have tried to get going just haven't taken off properly. We know we need to be persistent and in sync with God's timing. We still carry so much vision in our hearts for the things we feel God wants to do though YWAM Jbay. These are some of things that have been stirring in our hearts to get going...

- **Burn 24/7** - God has been really stirring our desire to pray more and to gather the community to pray together. Since the beginning of the year I have been trying to mobilise different churches to be part of the burn 24/7 initiative. Their vision

statement is: Burn 24-7 is first and foremost, the passionate pursuit for the presence of God. We gather, regardless of denominational affiliation, to cry out to God night and day for an awakening in the church, an unprecedented global harvest of souls and the transformation of entire cities. We believe the Burn 24-7 is an expression and fulfillment of the restoration of David's Tabernacle. We want to see this happening in the Jbay area, and hope for a diverse group from different church denominations and cultures coming together. The challenge in Jeffreys Bay and South Africa is that people predominantly still live and worship separately according to their culture. As bridge builders we know this is something we are to pursue in this region.

- **Community/Youth Centre** - At the moment I (Vernel) am working on a proposal for a Community & Youth Centre. There is not really anything like this in the Jbay area, especially for young people. We are hoping for partners to come alongside us to see this vision fulfilled. I am currently in talks with our local government. The vision is for it to be a place that equips people from Pellsrus & Tokyo Sexwale township with skills and mentoring. We want to see people come out of poverty and into a place of sustainability. Our vision is also to help young people in Jbay to envision a bigger and brighter future for themselves. We know this is part of our mandate as YWAM Jbay but we need the space to make it happen. We are still looking to see if we can get property/land to use from the local municipality or if we will get somewhere to rent or buy privately. Last week I went to visit a potential place that is for sale for R850000 (\$61000, £47000). We are open to the property and place God wants for us to do this.

Prayer points for YWAM Jbay

- Ministry Vehicle. At the moment our car is being used to transport students and staff for ministry purposes. We are hoping to raise money to buy a vehicle that would seat 12-20 people. A cost of a vehicle like this would be between R250,000-R350,000.
- For the new initiatives that we want to get off the ground.
- New long term staff especially more families to come and join us.
- For the base leadership to continue to seek God and make his presence the place where everything flows from. To really walk with God in all we do and to draw all our strength from Him.

Thank you for taking the time to read our news and for all your love and support.

Vernel, Katie, Judah, Zach & Florence-Mae xxxxxxx

