



Dear Church, Family and Friends

May kicked off stormy here in Riviersonderend, as the biggest storm in decades raged through the Overberg, Cape Agulhas and Langeberg Districts. There was a lot of loss and damage especially to the farmers in the area, but even in the middle of the storm, God's grace and goodness still shines through. We are grateful for the aid and how people came together to recover and restore.

**Please still keep the people and the farmers in your prayers, who need to continue rebuilding and recovering in the aftermath.**

In our lives and ministry however, it brings us great joy to report the good things the Lord is doing through us here in Riviersonderend. Thank you for taking time to pray for us and share in the work.

### **Home Fellowship and Bible Studies**

In view of Covid, we have been able to meet together for Fellowship every second Sunday evening and weekly Bible study groups since the beginning of March.

At the Home Fellowship, we celebrated Easter together with an intimate Good Friday communion service.

The Bible study groups are continuing and growing. Currently there are 5 Bible study groups running. Both my mom and Sandra have also started their own groups with different women in their sphere of influence. This means, more people are hearing the Good News.

- Monday evening women's Bible study: Studying the book of Revelation (English)
- Tuesday afternoon Bible study: Young wives and mother : Studying the book of John (Afrikaans)
- Tuesday evening Bible study: Scrapbook study lead by my mom
- Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study: Mixed group studying the book of Revelation (English)
- Wednesday evening Bible Study: Scrapbook study lead by Sandra



**Please be in prayer with us as we study the Word together and grow in our relationship with one another and with the Lord**

### **Facebook Live**

The Facebook live study is a Bible study where we study the Word together on an online forum. It includes women from all over South Africa and some other parts of the world (UAE, US, NZ). This group started as a response to Lockdown, but has grown into an important part of our teaching ministry.

**Praise the Lord, for what He is able to do with the little we have to give. Nothing is insignificant for His kingdom.**



## Community Work

Most of our work, especially on my mom's side, involves working with the community. She has been very busy with counselling, especially children. Her heart and Sandra's heart really is toward the children, and from that love and calling, they have started two separate children's groups.

One group started in February at the Trinity School. It's a private school of 20 pupils in Riviersonderend. Once a week on a Wednesday my mom and Sandra goes to teach a children's Bible lesson at the school.

Just before Easter, they invited me to do an Easter Service at the school, and some of the children even made a commitment to start following Jesus.

The second children's group has been in the planning stages for the entire year, since we couldn't find a place, but on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May, this group will meet for the first time in my mom's house in Riviersonderend. We are trusting the Lord, to provide a larger space when we need it in the future, but for now, we are happy for another small beginning, because we serve a God of big promises.



**Please keep my mom and Sandra in your prayers as they minister and teach these children about Jesus**



### **Hoërskool Riviersonderend Hostel**

On Thursday afternoons, I go to the hostel to teach a group of children through the Lead Today course, (a Christian based leadership development tool). In March we came to the halfway point of their training programme. In order to celebrate, and to give them an opportunity to serve, we hosted a movie night at the hostel for the whole hostel on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. We showed the movie “Soul Surfer” and some of the ladies from the Bible study group, made popcorn. I was very proud of the Lead Today kids, who led and served well during the evening, and so grateful for the support from the Bible study ladies towards these kids.

**Praise the Lord for these young leaders, and please pray that they would continue to grow and develop as leaders during the second half of their programme.**

### **Women’s Retreat**

We have been working with the Pastors from the PPK church, in community building projects. My mom trained some of the Church leaders, while Evan and I hosted a Dignity and Dare Days for the teenagers in their youth ministry at the end of last year. The girls are currently still busy with the 12 week follow up programme called, “Cherish your Dignity”.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, we led a women’s retreat for the women from their church and women who they have been reaching out to in the community through their women’s outreach. The theme of the day was loving



God with our whole heart, soul, and strength (Dt 6:5). I looked at the Biblical side and my mom the practical. We had a lovely time with the ladies, and pray they continue to bear the fruit in their lives.

**Please pray for our community work with the children, youth and women – also that bridges might be built between us and the local churches and the government for the furthering of His kingdom in Riviersonderend.**

### **On a Personal Note**

Evan and I have been married for 5 months now, and we are still in our honeymoon phase. The house Evan is renovating for us, is almost finished, and we should be able to move in at the end of May.

Thank you for your prayers and for taking time to read about all the Lord is doing in Riviersonderend.

Blessings  
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