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Since this is our first official newsletter in 2021, allow us to say, Happy New Year to you all! We pray that whatever your circumstances, you had a great entrance to the new year. The four of us are doing great and in good health despite exposures to Covid-19. The Lord has protected us, and we have never been sick this whole year. We used to get flu every wintertime, but we survived last year's cold season without any trouble. Aside from the sustaining grace of God, the stronger doses of vitamin supplements have worked well for us.

We welcomed 2021 with a hard lockdown and prohibition of religious gatherings. While the restrictions heavily affected our ministries, we believe the decision was both timely and necessary. The infection rate had reached almost 22,000 a day and, without government intervention, it could have been worse.

Even if church services were allowed, Grace Outreach Church in Boksburg would not fellowship in person due to the contagion among our church members. Eleven of our active congregants contracted the virus during our December *KidsGiG* Christmas program. Three of them have been badly affected and (as of March 8) one is still in a rehab care facility. Despite the inability to gather in person, we remained actively connected virtually. We used *Zoom* and *Facebook LIVE* for our worship services, Bible school classes, and prayer meetings.

On February 2, South Africa President Cyril Ramaphosa lifted the prohibition of religious gatherings, and on March 1, eased up the lockdown restrictions to alert level 1. All our churches and Bible Schools are now open, and calendared ministry schedules are slowly reactivated. We also continue to preach daily (except Monday) on *Grace TV YouTube Channel* and *Grace TV Facebook Page*.

*For more information on our mission field and ministries, please don't hesitate to contact us at [dpadayhag@tcmusa.org](mailto:dpadayhag@tcmusa.org) or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and on [www.gomsa.co.za](http://www.gomsa.co.za). We are full-time missionaries. Our financial support comes from free will gifts of churches and individuals. TCM issues tax-deductible receipts for all donations for our family and ministry.*

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## G-TEAMS Classes Resume



The three campuses of Grace Theological Education And Ministry School (G-TEAMS) reopened their doors to old and new students for this school year on February 20. Since the pandemic, our Bible school classes have been disrupted due to lockdowns and prohibitions of religious gatherings. We are grateful for the faithfulness, hard work, and resilience of our teachers and staff, who never stopped communicating with their students physically or virtually. Students also used the lockdown to work on their assignments and take-home examinations. This school year, we missed the Grand Opening in January due to the circumstances, but all campuses have started well with a good number of registrations. More enrollees are expected. Enrolment is extended until the end of March. Books and lessons have been printed.



# 2021 GOMSA Ministry Calendar

## March

- 6 G-TEAMS-TAB 1 & 2 Classes
- 7 GO Church Lindelani 8th Anniversary
- 13 Annual General Meeting
- 20 GTEAMS-TAB 1 & 2 Classes
- 28 GO Polokwane - visit

## April

- 1-3 YouthGiG Camp
- 10 G-TEAMS– MAP Class
- 17 G-TEAMS-TAB 1 & 2 Classes

## May

- 1 G-TEAMS-TAB 1 & 2 Classes
- 2 GO Church Boksburg Anniversary
- 8 G-TEAMS-MAP Class
- 15 GTEAMS-TAB 1 & 2 Classes
- 29 GOMSA Board Meeting

## June

- 5 G-TEAMS-TAB 1 & 2 Classes
- 12 G-TEAMS-MAP Class
- 16 YouthGiG Day Conference
- 19 G-TEAMS-TAB 1 & 2 Classes

## July

- 3 G-TEAMS-TAB 1 & 2 Classes
- 10 G-TEAMS-MAP Class
- 17 G-TEAMS-TAB 1 & 2 Classes

## August

- 7 G-TEAMS-TAB 1& 2
- 8-9 Ladies GIFT Conference
- 14 G-TEAMS MAP Class
- 21 G-TEAMS-TAB 1 & 2 Classes
- 28 GOMSA Board Meeting

## September

- 4 G-TEAMS-TAB 1 & 2 Classes
- 11 GTEAMS– MAP Class
- 18 G-TEAMS TAB 1 & 2 Classes
- 24-25 SPF 20+ Event

## October

- 2 G-TEAMS-TAB 1 & 2 Class
- 9 GTEAM-MAP Class
- 16 GTEAMS-TAB 1 & 2 Classes

## November

- 6 GTEAMS-TAB 1 & 2 Classes
- 12-13 Leadership Goal-Setting & Planning
- 20 G-TEAMS –TAB 1& 2 Classes
- 21 GO Church Benoni 1st Anniversary
- 27- GOMSA Board Meeting

## December

- 3-5 GOMSA-National Conference

G-TEAMS – is our Bible school  
 TAB 1&2 – are level 1 and 2 classes  
 MAP – is Ministerial Advancement Program

## Ministry Vehicles Project Update

We are glad to inform you that our **IMPACTinSA** (*I Must Plant A Church Today in South Africa*) vehicles project is moving forward. We are raising \$10,000 to purchase 2 used, reliable vehicles to be used by our church planters: one for the southern church planting team and the other for the northern side. They travel long distances on provincial and national level. Almost \$4000 has already been raised for this project. We believe these vehicles will help our workers spread the Word and expand the ministry faster and further. Thank you for those who have already given. We appreciate your generosity and partnership in the ministry.

**Designate donations: GOMSA Vehicles**



# Praises and Prayers

- 🔒 We are grateful that we have not lost any of the 11 church members who contracted the COVID-19 virus. They are faithful & active members of Grace Outreach Church in Boksburg and partners of our national ministries.
- 🔒 Shede and Shedes have just finished Grade 4 & Grade 1. Sheba planned to fly to the Philippines to submit test papers and buy books for the next levels. This is usually a cheaper option, but due to the risks and travel restrictions, she won't be doing that this year. We are looking at international courier options. This would cost us around \$1000. It is expensive, but it is the best option we have this time. Please pray for God's provision.
- 🔒 We have started working on the annual government report of our national organization, Grace Outreach Ministries in South Africa. Updated names of the new set of board members have already been submitted. The next part is the financial report. A committee was already appointed for this. Once the former treasurer comes out of rehab (he was in ICU for a month due to Covid), they will begin working on it.
- 🔒 Please pray for our new church at a farm near Serengeti complex in Kempton Park. We are asking the farm owners if we could put up a tent for church. They are hesitant due to rampant land squatting. Right now, we gather in the yard of one of the attendees.



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