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Ministry Echo



IMPACT in SA, or I Must Plant A Church Today in South Africa, is one of our exciting ministries in our mission field. Planting a grace church is the best way to impact the community. Not to mention, planting a church is a unique ministry in the dispensation of Grace. In the past dispensation, everything was centered in Israel, where the temple was located. But in this present time, we can plant churches anywhere. The apostle Paul himself was a church planting missionary. But why plant a grace church? Here are a few reasons:

1. A grace church is a place where the gospel of salvation is preached and, at the same time, a place where people are given an opportunity to be saved. Every time we plant a grace church, we are setting up a beacon of God's love and the gospel in the community. It is a place where an *unbeliever* can become a *believer*.
2. A grace church is the most neutral place to belong. It provides the best site for fellowship. The church is a place where a *believer* can become a *member*.
3. A grace church helps maturity through discipleship. Since a church is an institution of learning and training, one can be mentored and discipled there. A church is a place where a *member* can become a *minister*.
4. A grace church opens up ministry opportunities. One of the functions of the church is to help its members find their part and place in the Body of Christ, resulting in the discovery of their functions, gifts, and talents to effectively serve the Lord. A church is a place where a *minister* can become a *leader*.
5. A grace church helps believers express genuine worship. A church is a place where believers can worship God in spirit and truth. It is a place where a *leader* can become a *worshipper*.

For more information on our mission field and ministries, please don't hesitate to contact us at dpadayhag@tcmusa.org or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and on 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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Cont... Why plant a church?

So, planting a grace church is not only God's will but also beneficial for the Word and work of God to go out faster and further.

Our family planted churches ourselves, but we will not be planting and pastoring our own church when we go back to South Africa in September. We will invest our time mobilizing pastors, Bible women, and even Bible students to start their Bible studies and plant churches. We hope that reproducing & multiplying ourselves in these national partners will translate to the establishment of new churches, in particular, and expansion of the ministry, in general. While we are excited for this great vision ahead, it will not come cheap and easy. It will be expensive and tiresome, but it's worth it. Would you please pray for the finances and the personnel needed for this ministry?



BIBLE STUDY MEETINGS

One of the effective tools and a great introduction to church planting is a Bible Study Meeting. We start BSMs in strategic places we envision establishing churches. These can start in sitting rooms, garages, and sometimes under the trees. Often they start small, with few people, and through word of mouth, grow into a congregation. That's how we started the church in Boksburg. We were hosted in a small family apartment on Friday evenings. Then they invited their relatives, friends and neighbors. As the attendance grew, a desire to transition into Sunday morning service became prevalent. Faithfulness, availability, teachability, generosity, and intentionality from the members were evident. After a year, we had to find a bigger place to rent, & celebrated the first anniversary there. This month, the church turned 7 years old!

Two more G-TEAMS Campuses

Seeing people grow in their love for the Lord, knowledge of His Word, and passion for His Work are three of the main reasons why we keep expanding our ministry training program. Our goal is not only to plant grace churches but also to establish GTEAMS alongside them. We constantly endeavor to bring the Bible Schools to where the students are. In this way, we believe we will never run out of students, and we'll be able to sustain the training and production of ministry workers in South Africa. Grace Theological Education and Ministry School (GTEAMS) currently has five campuses. Hammanskraal and Lehae were added to Boksburg, Soshanguve, and Lindelani in January this year. Currently, GTEAMS has forty-three enrolled students. Pray for their training and ministry.



OUR JOY AND CROWN

In 2011, Sheba was the only admin, and I was the only teacher when we started the Bible School. I remember those days that I had to teach from 9 AM to 5 PM with a very short lunch break, while Sheba had to run around making sure everything was in order. Thank God for our training program! The Lord honored our sacrifices and hard work. We have produced men and women who are now able to work in the ministry and become close friends in the Lord. As our Bible Schools expanded, our G-TEAMS Educators (principals, teachers, admins) multiplied too. They are continuing the ministry even in our absence. We know we have rewards in heaven, but what an honor it is to work and partner with our "joy and crown" while still on this earth!

Praises and Prayers

- We thank the Lord for His protection in our continued travel in the States. We have already been through many things including snow storms, blizzards, Covid exposures and dangerous roads. Yet, by His grace, we remain healthy and safe. We still have three months to go. Please keep praying!
- Please pray for our plane tickets for the four of us to the Philippines and then to South Africa. It is quite a huge financial need. We are scheduled to fly to the Philippines in the middle of July and to South Africa in September.
- We are raising funds for our South African pastors who are willing to work full-time in the ministry. Right now, we support three full-time pastors with \$200 each per month. It's not enough, but they are so gracious to meet us halfway. They will be working closely with us and their primary focus is to open Bible studies and plant new churches. The more full-time workers we have, the better. Would you consider praying and supporting them regularly? You can send your support of any amount for SA WORKERS to Things to Come Mission. TCM issues tax-deductible receipts for all donations.
- There is no way we can repay you for all your love, concern, and generosity for our family and ministry. But we know that GOD is able to bless you and so much more. We pray that HE will love you, keep you, and bless you in our behalf. Dearly beloved, Thank you!

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