

## Prayer Points

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- 1) We are benefitting right now from having **Salome Van Niekerk** from Constantia Park Baptist Church in Pretoria with us. She will be working as a secretary and administrator for us through August. We are **hoping that much will be accomplished** that normally languishes unattended for lack of time.
- 2) Please pray that we will make headway with obtaining **funding for the hospital** while she is available to assist with those efforts.
- 3) Our bookshop was closed down in January by the department of labor as we were open only 32 hours a week and our two workers worked part time at 16 hrs each. The government wanted us to give them full time jobs with full benefits (retirement, medical, etc) and so gave us an ultimatum to either open the shop 40 hours a week and convert the workers to full time employees, or close. South Africa is probably familiar with labor laws intended to increase employment but which can be burdensome to people with a tight budget. We have been closed for over two months, but have worked things out so we can re-open with volunteer labor, still only 32 hours a week. We still need one volunteer worker however. Please pray that God would **provide a pastor who is familiar with our literature** and could give assistance to clients who visit the shop.
- 4) The **book shop was fully re-organized** by Salome while it was closed. That has resulted in a great improvement in appearance and function. She has suggested other improvements that will take time to institute.
- 5) We are seeking to buy **a new vehicle**, preferably a Land Rover, to replace our 18 year old model. We have almost enough money to do that, and are seeking guidance at this time in determining the best vehicle for our needs.
- 6) As always, we appreciate prayer for funding for the hospital. Please pray for the **oil and gas speculator** who is seeking capital to drill a 14000 foot borehole where he knows from a previous attempt that there is a large deposit of natural gas (the borehole collapsed after hitting the gas last time resulting in a loss of several million dollars). He is our best prospect thus far, but he still has a long way to go before he will make any money on this venture. He is 76 years old and wants to invest his last well in the Lord's work. He has been a generous contributor to other mission hospitals and orphanages. **Pray that his interest in Grace Missions does not wane.**
- 7) We have **two people in our congregation who will soon be accepted into membership**. Most of our participants cannot support their confession of faith with a viable testimony of salvation and subsequent spiritual growth, but these two have done well and we are encouraged. We want to see much more fruit however. Pray that church members will **make a greater effort at evangelizing** their friends and that those who come will show spiritual fruit. Attendance has not been good. We frequently have only 16-18 adults present.

Thank you for remembering us before the throne of grace!

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