

Dear saints,

Praise the Lord for his move here in South Africa [gospel trip team report, Feb. 3]. So far it has been about a week since I've been here, and we have certainly had a glorious time blending with the saints and preaching the gospel here. Just to give a brief overview of what has taken place thus far. Our first weekend here, we arrived in Johannesburg after a very long two day trip to South Africa. The team was split between the two localities of Johannesburg and Rooderpoort. During the weekend we stayed with the saints and they have certainly been a blessing to all of us. Most of us were able to participate in some eventful activities with the saints that weekend. While also attending the home meetings, and table meetings in our respective localities.

On Lord's Day we attended the table meetings in a district of Johannesburg called Soweto and the church in Rooderpoort. I can certainly testify that the Lord is brightly shining and moving in the saints here in South Africa. There were about 40 all together who attended the meeting that day in Soweto and all the saints were overflowing the riches of Christ. It was surely a meeting of blessing one another with the Triune God. They warmly received us that weekend and prepared us for our coming week in Pretoria. The churches in the Gauteng Province area have had several new ones attend their Lord's Day meetings every week for some time, due to considerable amount of people open to the Lord within their respective communities and families. That Sunday afternoon the team arrived in Pretoria to have a brief orientation and meeting with the saints, and we briefly described how the Lord had led us to come and what their burden was for our time in South Africa. Considering this is the first FTFA Gospel trip to South Africa. They highly believe this is truly something of the Lord's sovereignty. Due to the location and capacity, it has always been quite difficult to have a trip like this. But now the Lord has afforded a way for us to come and blend with the saints and students here. Accompanying us, were also 6 FTFL trainees visiting on a blending trip to South Africa. We have had a great time blending and preaching the gospel with them, and students here in Pretoria as well. They have certainly been an encouragement and refreshing to our spirits.

This past week has been quite a very strategic week for the campus in Pretoria, due to the freshman orientation week. We have spend a considerable amount of time preaching the gospel to students here at the University of Pretoria. For the most part there has been quite a good response. At the Bible study there were about 40 students who were able to attend. For the most part my impression of the students here in South Africa has been quite good. South Africa is certainly a God fearing country, and many people genuinely believe in the Lord. However due to the polite culture and situation. We often times face the difficulty of finding the Lord's true and genuine seekers. Please pray that we would have the discernment to find the seeking first year students and that the real seekers would be found. We will be spending much time this weekend with the saints and students here in Pretoria, and then next week myself and 3 other trainees from the team will be going to Johannesburg to labor on the VITS University campus for the week. There is currently no team or establishment with the campus work going on there, and so we do hope that this will be great strengthening to the saints in Johannesburg. Until then if you could continue to pray for this time and that the Lord would really gain what he's after in South Africa throughout the remaining days of our time here. We would greatly appreciate. Thank you again for all your prayers and support.