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# the CRANE family

BRYANT & SHARAN - GEORGE, SOUTH AFRICA

## Preaching & Teaching

The DVD series, "Quieting A Noisy Soul," by Jim Berg, has been very good for our church. We have been using it in our Wednesday night studies.

We are continuing our preaching series on the "Prophets of Israel" - last Sunday I preached on Elisha's statement to the King of Israel in 2 Kings 3, "What Have I to do With You?" and challenged our people about our attitude in coming to God and asking for help or various other things. Are we committed to seeking and doing His will or are we only concerned about what we want?

Our co-workers, Rod and Tina, are busy working with the teens and have started a new Bible study fellowship with young adults. Last week we had an outreach event to the parents of the teens and seven new parents attended.

We are also thankful for Julie McFadden's ministry to our children's and music ministry. Sunday school with children from varying ages and languages can be quite a challenge.

Dear Praying Friends,  
Next month, we will celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Agape Baptist Church. It seems impossible that five years have gone by so quickly. What a joy it has been to see the families that the Lord has brought together in this fellowship - some who have trusted the Lord as Savior, some who had searched for a Bible teaching church for years, some who were hurt and others who needed counseling. Church planting is a challenging call - when one surrenders to missions, he/she envisions multitudes coming to be saved, to be taught. One doesn't consider the low numbers, lack of commitment frequently seen in religious areas, the cultural differences, and the loneliness often felt when being away from loved ones. It can be difficult, yet God is always faithful to encourage us, just when we need Him most. This past Sunday was one of those Sundays - two new families visited our service. One couple with children, shared that when the Word was preached, they knew they had found what they needed. They are new to the area and have been visiting several churches, which they characterized as highly emotional with motivational



messages usually taken from one verse in the Bible.

It was encouraging to see this young couple hungry for the Word - we were reminded once again why we are here.

We thank the Lord for what He is doing all along the Garden Route.



On a family note, Joshua and Brittany were able to visit us a few weeks ago. This was Brittany's first visit to South Africa, so we really enjoyed showing them around and spending time together.

Thank you for being a faithful part of the ministry here in South Africa.

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