

## Emanuelson Ministry Update

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Dear family and friends,

I hope you are all keeping well. God has been so faithful to me and my family and continues to keep open a door for effective ministry here in the Eastern Cape. As you are aware, the vision for this work is to see God raise up strong leaders and churches among the amaZioni people of southern Africa. Since the previous update there have been some noteworthy developments.

First, it has been a blessing to visit and teach at other Zion Evangelical Bible Schools (ZEBS) around the Eastern Cape in addition to the school in East London, namely Mdatnsane (which is a strategic suburb of East London), Grahamstown, and Mthatha. It has been a blessing to speak with students at each of these classes and hear their desire to know the truth. One man mentioned that he utilizes the Bible school notes to help him encourage others with Biblical teachings.

After those who graduated earlier this year from the Mukhanyo Theological College (MTC) local learning site of East London, additional MTC students are now on track to graduate as soon as later this year, and there are a good number of people interested to join this program. Also, while attending the ZEBS class in Mthatha, which has many students, I met a man who graduated from that school and has now joined a MTC local learning site near that city. He said that four other ZEBS graduates are also a part of that program. Hearing of this and being invited to help there seems to be an encouraging opportunity given by God to work with them. In addition, I have been working with a colleague who is also serving as an MTC facilitator in the city he and his family are from, regarding important administrative developments that pertain to the partnership between ZEBS and MTC. Praise God for all this and pray for God's continual blessing and leading regarding this part of the ministry.

Second, as a minister of the gospel, it was a joy to recently help officiate alongside two fellow pastors at a believer's baptism service in the city of Mthatha, which took place after the most recent ZEBS class there. The candidates each gave a good confession of faith in Christ Jesus as Lord. Since believer's baptism is a requirement for all Christians, it is our goal to make sure that we are encouraging believers to take this step of obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ. Furthermore, I was recently invited to teach a believer's baptism class near the city of Bhisho. Pray that all who hear and believe the good news about Jesus through this ministry will be obedient to Jesus' command to be baptized.

Third, since it is imperative that all believers gather with other believers for times of worshipping God and learning His word, pray that those who are Christians here will

have the opportunity and courage to gather with the other Christians around their nearest city. It was an honor to recently participate in two church services located about ten miles from the city of Bhisho. It was a joy to hear such beautiful songs of praise to God and to be able to preach from God's word, having been invited to do so for both occasions. Furthermore, it was encouraging to see the ordinance of the Lord's Supper being observed.

Regarding the family, Lauren has been especially busy with matters related to the children's schooling and after school activities. This requires a lot of time and careful attention. This is such an important investment. Liesl, Evelyn, and Ethan are all excelling, and each is growing in their love for the truth.

I share all this to let you how we are being blessed and kept by the Lord and to report some of the ways that this work is on track to see God raise up strong Christian leaders and Christ-centered churches among the amaZioni people, who will be enabled by God to reach out to the people of their communities with the truth. Thank you for your continual prayers for the work. That is such a vital part of this ministry! God is answering prayer, as we see such incredible doors for effective ministry here. We are also thankful for those of you who have been able to give financially towards this work. It is such a blessing to many and results in praise to God.

"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen" (Ephesians 3:20-21).

Keep well and God bless.

Jon Emanuelson

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Thank you again for your prayerful consideration of this matter, and may God bless you as you seek His will for your lives!



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