

Christmas 2020 Newsletter

Christmas Greetings from McMinn Family Cape Town



Dear Family and Friends!

It is almost Christmas and a brand new 2021. We are so grateful to have got through 2020 as a family.

Who would have thought that 2020 would turn out like this? Globally and here in South Africa.

Yet we are grateful to be able to report of Gods grace, peace and His protection towards us as a family.

Jessica has just finished Grade 8 and passed onto Grade 9. We are so proud of all the work and effort she put in order to pass. It definitely wasn't easy as her school was closed for most of the year due to the Covid-19 virus. She has been a real blessing and joy to us in the home especially as we have been able to see her growing in her walk with the Lord. Watching her faithfully do devotions, scriptures pasted in her room and seeing her journal has really been a good sight to see.

FINALLY Clive received his "green fingers" inherited from his family! He has enjoyed starting a little garden at home. The joy this is giving is so precious. This has also been a new season of worship and reflection as he has enjoyed listening to worship music after we gave him his very own earphones as a gift for Fathers Day!

We have enjoyed the lockdown at times as it has given us more time for each other, family needs and discussions. We have really become even more closer during this challenging time.

Ministry has been very different this year for us as a couple, and in many parts this has not been easy. As a couple we are great "huggers" and this especially has been challenging in showing our love and affection to people in our church. As a church, strict protocols of sanitizing, social distancing and mask wearing has been very crucial. Thus far, we are pleased that we have had no covid-19 related deaths with only 3 church connected cases. We are grateful to see ourselves ending 2020 STILL STRONG! The financial and prayer support we have received in this year is greatly appreciated! Thank you very much. This we cannot express enough.

We would like to wish you and your family a blessed, peaceful, healthy and joyous Christmas and we look forward to a God blessed and enriched new 2021!

With much thanks, love and blessing. Clive, Glenda, Daniel & Jessica McMinn, Delft, Cape Town.

Daniel

Daniel is waiting on his results for his 3rd year at University of the Western Cape. He turned 21 in October and we are so extremely proud of the young man he is becoming, especially in his choice of friendships. He's funny sense of humor, along with his quiet confidence, has been a wonderful experience in the home. He can be quite philosophical in his thinking, which often results in many topics of politics, religion and social. He is still quite passionate about fitness and wellness, and never hesitates to exercise his body. He is a much needed inspiration in our home for this.

Glenda

Overall, Glenda has done very well this year, establishing her video and written Blog. During lockdown in April and May, her "old" blog was resurrected. These blogs have been a huge encouragement to many and especially given Glenda a safe place of expression concerning topics and bible studies of: love, depression, loss, loneliness, fear and Gods grace. This has brought her much joy and excitement. Many women are so encouraged by her transparency of what God has done in her life.

Clive

To think that last year Clive was recovering from Major knee surgery. The level 3,4,5 levels of lockdown were difficult for him as he was unable to get to the church building or do home visits. As soon as the numbers dropped we were able to deep clean and open the building again with strict protocols in place. Even though we had to reduce the numbers of people attending, it was encouraging to see people literally "running" to the church services.