



I write to you with a thankful heart as our young church reaches the nine-month mark. These past months have been full of both challenges and encouragements, and we are grateful for your continued prayers and partnership in the gospel.

**In Stellenbosch
For God's Glory**

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Nine Months in

God has placed a deep desire in our hearts to see a diverse and disciple-making church come to life in Stellenbosch. Over the past nine months, the Lord has guided us in remarkable ways. We have moved into a new building that provides a warm and welcoming space for worship and ministry. We've also seen new families and individuals join our church community, each bringing unique gifts and stories. Our efforts in outreach, through conversations, meals, and community presence, have opened doors for the gospel in our town.



Proclaiming His Gospel



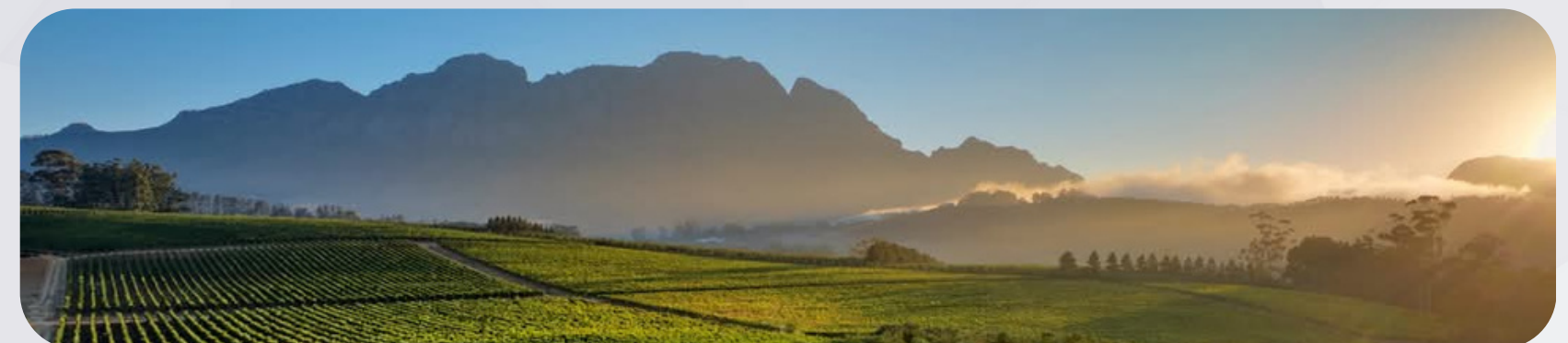
Sunday worship has remained the heartbeat of our life together. We are currently preaching through Matthew's Gospel, seeing afresh who Jesus, the King of God's Kingdom is and what it means to trust and obey Him. We've also been teaching through our church's core values, grounding our community in the gospel that shapes our identity and mission.

Sharing Our Lives

Our women, together with the women from our MTW family, threw a surprise baby shower for Laura. And on August 26th, baby Abigail was born. We thank the Lord for Abigail's safe arrival and for Laura's recovery. His name be praised.

In August, our Presbytery hosted a preaching conference for its pastors. Rev. Dr. Russ St. John, the lead pastor of Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church was the keynote speaker.

I also had the privilege to attend a week-long City to City intensive training with pastors from all over Africa.





Living Hopefully

After concluding their study in Colossians led by Ongie, our women met to reflect and fellowship. Pamela McGinty taught our women about the awesomeness of “Christ’s Supremacy” over their lives, salvation, and the universe. Our men started a new series on “The Kingdom of God”, reflecting on their unique role as men under Christ’s rule. We thank God for the launch of our student ministry on Stellenbosch University (RUF Stellenbosch), led by Hunter Quinn. Laura Quinn continues to lead our Kids Discipleship program, shaping our children with rich biblical teaching.

Hope in Christ fuels our ministry. And these ministries have been encouraging places of growth, discipleship, and care.

Living Redemptively

We are thankful to partner with *Training for Changes* as we think about how to bring Christ's redemptive presence into our community. In addition, our church is beginning to reach out to schools in nearby under-resourced communities, seeking to be a gospel light to children, teachers, and families. Myself and Hunter continue to do the work of evangelism and outreach throughout the week, as we seek to reach new people.





Prayer Request

Thank God for His provision of a building and new members. Pray for ongoing fruit from outreach and for many to encounter Christ through our witness.

Pray for all our material, equipment, and financial needs which aid in our mission to reach Stellenbosch with the gospel.

Pray for courage and creativity as members share Christ in everyday life. Pray also for clarity and fruitfulness as we roll out our missions strategy.

Pray for our kids and students to grow strong roots in the gospel. Pray also for our men and women to be strengthened in faith and equipped for service.

Pray for our partnership with *Training for Changes* to bear lasting fruit. Pray also for open doors and trust as we build relationships with local schools.



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