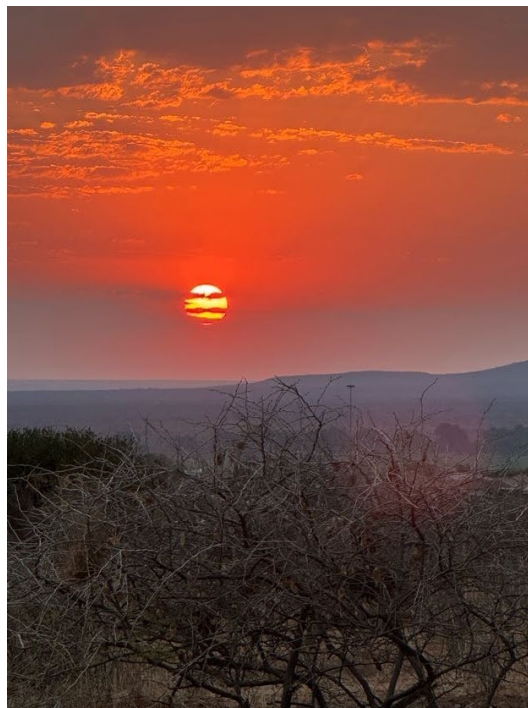


October 2024 Newsletter

The Lord Provides

Have you ever had just enough of something and none to spare? The widow of Zarephath told the prophet Elijah in 1 Kings 17:12 “And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.””

This widow literally thought this was the end and it would be their last meal before they died. She was not able to look beyond her current situation, and here was Elijah asking her in verse 11 to bring him a morsel of bread. Little did she know something greater was about to happen in her life. The prophet told her in verse 13 to fear not and go do as she said, but make him a little cake first and then something for her and her son. Elijah in verse 14 tells the widow that the Lord says the jar of flour and the jug of oil will not go empty until the Lord sends rain upon the earth. She went on to do as the prophet had said and then something amazing happened; they all ate for many days and the flour and oil never went empty according to the word the Lord had spoke through Elijah. How truly amazing is our God; we must trust Him,



as He is right on time and will always provide.



It has been an amazing month, especially the past few weeks. There is so much we can share about South Africa, but this newsletter would turn into a book. We will share just a little now, in hopes it will give you a glimpse of what it was like. We went with no expectations of what we were going to see or truly be getting into. It was unlike anything we had imagined, as the people were very welcoming, hardworking, and content with what they had. It is certainly a hard life and lacking modern technology, but a simple life in a sense. Imagine how life was back in the 70's and 80's before the technology and conveniences of today. At the time, we did not know any difference or any other way; that is how it is for the South African people. It's a simple life that we miss at times! Some people there had

transportation, but many did not. The people living in the village did not have electricity or plumbing. The children walked to and from school, in addition to having to cross a very wide river that can be chest deep at certain times of the year. The food is amazing and nothing like we experience here in the States with so many regulations. On a more personal level, getting to serve, work with, know the people, and share the Gospel was a blessing. To teach them was fun, but it gives you a whole new perspective and appreciation for everyday life. One of our most rememberable days, was the men's conference. To see all the men from various age



groups unite for a day of fellowship, worship, and preaching, was out of this world. We will be going back again in the future! Our IT team has scheduled us to go live on Saturday October 5th at 11AM CST for approximately 30 minutes. Let us encourage y'all to tune in for a great time together with us!



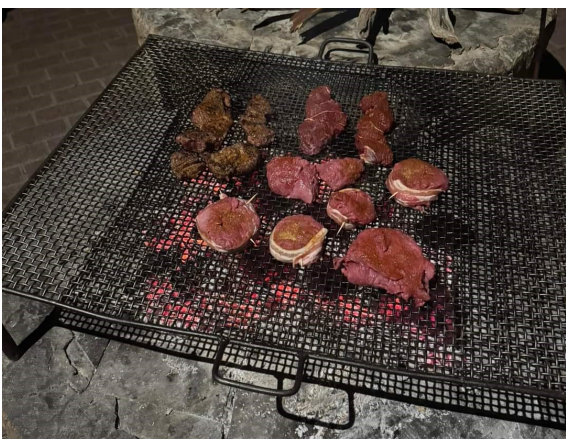
Our schedule is fully booked for the remainder of the year, and our calendar is filling up quickly for 2025. If you are not on our schedule for this next year, please reach out to us today. We would love to come spend a weekend loving on you and your church for a weekend. What a great opportunity to share about South Africa, do a student event, spend time doing community outreach, and finish up with Matt preaching

the Sunday morning service. Please pray, as we meet to discuss our budget and calendar for 2025 in the next few weeks. Pray the Lord will send more churches and individuals to partner with our ministry, as we travel to preach the Gospel and train in areas of evangelism and discipleship from campgrounds to churches and around the world. Not an ROM partner yet? We would love to have your support to help us reach more people for Christ. We expect God

to do big things in this next year, and we desire to not turn down anyone asking us to come because we do not have it in our budget. We have several possibilities we are praying about and discussing for campground ministry next summer. As the demand for our ministry to come various places each year becomes higher, it becomes harder to juggle our schedule. Please join us in prayer, as we seek what the Lord wants us to do and meet people where they are and take them where they need to go.

In Christ,

Pastor Matt





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