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*Dear Friends*

It has been a truly unprecedented year in the life of our family and the church as large and all indications are that the uncertainty will continue for another year. How wonderful it is that we have a rock and unshakable fortress in Christ our salvation (Psalm 62:1-2) Here is some news from us:

### **A church gathered**

On the 20th of September we resumed our physical Sunday gatherings after more than 6 months of virtual meetings and audio sermons. We are so grateful to God for technology that made social distancing possible but the exclusive use of technology helped us to see what a blessing it is to gather and interact with God's people physically. Adjusting to meeting again, with the new COVID regulations, has not been without its challenges. The seating in the church is limited, screening people for COVID takes time, singing with a mask on is uncomfortable, and we have had to adjust many of our church activities to maintain social distancing. But what a joy it has been to see our numbers steadily grow over the last 5 weeks as we have attracted more visitors through word of mouth.

The Lord has indeed surprised us but we shouldn't be surprised because he has always been faithful to us. There is much work that still remains. Our pastoral care work has grown because of the number of challenges people are facing because of COVID related trauma. Pray that we may continue to meet this need.

### **Addition to the Ntinga household**

God has been very kind to our family, after a COVID positive scare and an early delivery due to complications Hlulani Melokuhle Ntinga was born 25 June 2020. 4 months later he is a healthy and happy little boy who is a splitting image of his brother at the same age. Masana is also doing well and enjoying the last month of maternity leave before she has to go back to work (or get back to her computer since she is working from home).

### **Gauteng Alliance**

During the course of this year Musa, along with another group of Pastors, has been involved in the formation of a collaboration of evangelical churches in Gauteng that we have called the Gauteng Alliance. The vision is to collaborate generously for kingdom growth and gospel impact in all of Gauteng. The initiative is really exciting and has the potential to grow gospel work and church planting in the province. We are launching the Collaborative at the end of November. Please pray that God would use this for his glory.



The Ntinga's with the new addition Hlulani!



The new normal of our Sunday gatherings

#### **Prayer items:**

1. Praise God for his faithfulness to us through these long months of COVID-19 and related lockdowns. Pray that through this experience we may continue to grow as a church.
2. Pray for the growing pastoral needs in our community, that we may continue to display the love of Christ and the share the Hope of the gospel with a broken world.
3. Thank God for the new member of our family, Hlulani Ntinga. Pray that God would continue to keep us safe and healthy.
4. Pray for the Gauteng Alliance collaborative, that God would use it to foster more unity among existing evangelical churches and produce more growth in his kingdom through this work.