



October 2024

Sawubona kusukela eSwatini! (Hello from eSwatini!)

The month of October has come and gone like a flash of light! We spent the first week in the city of Durban, South Africa packing up everything from our apartment, and saying our goodbyes to as many of the people we have come to know as family since arriving in January as we were able to before moving to the Kingdom of eSwatini, where we are currently serving for the remainder of our AIM term under missionaries Jonathan and Monica Parker. In those few days spent in South Africa, we had the awesome experience to baptize our oldest daughter, Amelia in Jesus' name in the Indian Ocean!



Saying our goodbyes in Botswana with missionaries Rick & Stacey Perry and AMPers to Zimbabwe, John & Bernadette Sheppard



An Indian Ocean baptism!



Final Sunday at Chatsworth UPC with Pastor Peter and Sharen Govender



Our last meeting in Durban with the KZN Central District Superintendent and Secretary



Vervet monkey mama and her young one



The beautiful mountain country of eSwatini, landlocked on the North, West, and South by the Republic of South Africa, and on the East by the country of Mozambique.



eSwatini (formerly known as Swaziland) is the last true monarchy in Africa, ruled by King Mswati III and has a population of around 1.2 million people. The United Pentecostal Church has had a presence in this country since pioneer missionaries Mack & Bobbie Carpenter arrived in 1982 and as of 2021 there were 23 established churches or preaching points, with 29 licensed ministers and over 4,100 active church members with those numbers growing as souls are added to the Kingdom of God daily!



Restoration Rock UPC Church of Mbabane, eSwatini



October 24th Josie turned 8!

Another birthday celebrated in Africa for our family!



Since our arrival to eSwatini on October 9th, Kyle has preached at a men's conference, taught in the Bible School, and led Friday evening prayer service, and Heather has taught Sunday School. We are already seeing lives changed and are excited for the future of the church in this great nation!

As we are soon coming to the end of our first year in missions, our current need is finding a place to call "home" for the first couple of months when we return to the states to travel and raise the funding to return to the field. Please keep us in prayer during this time of transition.



We want to thank you all for your prayers and support!

