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Discovering creative ways to share the hope of Jesus with people unconnected to church

Dear family and friends,

Happy New Year!

We pray that 2026 will be a year full of new adventures with the Lord and opportunities for growth and deepening relationships with him.

We have some very exciting news to share with you all. In just a few short months, we are looking forward to welcoming our first child, a little girl, into the world. Her name is Alicia (Aleesia) Joy, and we cannot wait to meet her. We feel incredibly blessed and deeply thankful to God for the opportunity to become parents. As our family grows, we are joyfully anticipating all that lies ahead this year; there will be many changes, many firsts and many new adventures.

Please join us in giving thanks for our baby girl and in praying with us as she continues to grow and develop. We also ask for your prayers for us as new parents, as we prepare our hearts, our lives, and our home, and seek God's strength, wisdom, and peace in the days ahead.

In other news, David coordinated and led a new community church choir during the Advent season, and it was both a joy and a tremendous blessing to our congregation. From the initial auditions, when we had no idea how many people might sign up, to the rehearsals, it was wonderful to watch people joyfully share their gifts. The experience culminated in four Sundays where more than 40 choir members of all ages came together to help lead us in worship during this special season. The choir was truly a source of joy and blessing to our church. It was wonderful to see a reflection of the whole congregation leading us all as we worshipped our Lord together.

Our hope is that the choir will continue to grow and will once again help lead worship during the Lent and Easter services, with the possibility of joining the worship team at other special times throughout the year as well.

David will also be seeking how he can best serve the worship bands in the year ahead to continue to develop the ministry in the church and help disciple those serving God in this way.

Azaria was able to end 2025 celebrating with the mentors as they gathered for an end-of-year party.



Waiting to welcome Alicia Joy

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**With Jesus
With each other
To the edges**



They came together to play games, enjoy good food, share stories, reflect on all that had taken place throughout the year and dream about what lies ahead. The mentoring community continues to grow and deepen as these shared spaces and activities create a safe environment where individuals can be open and vulnerable with one another. In turn, this strengthens them as mentors for the vulnerable children and young people they regularly visit and support in the children's homes.

Azaria's hope is to form a small team of volunteers from within the mentoring community who can help run activities and support other aspects of her role while she is on maternity leave later this year.

Please pray for David as he continues to lead and grow the worship ministry in the local church, and for Azaria as she prepares and equips volunteers to help sustain the mentoring programme.

At the end of 2025, we were able to say goodbye to the children, young people and families in Bethania as we all gathered for an end-of-year meal. While it is a real sadness that the project in Bethania is unable to continue in the same way as before, we hold onto hope for what God will do through the local church in that community as they step out to serve vulnerable people in their own area. We will deeply miss the children and young people and hope that there will still be opportunities to connect with them in the future.

Please join us in giving thanks for the years we were able to serve in Bethania, and for all the wonderful children, young people, and their families. We pray for their hearts as they navigate this season of change and transition. Please also pray that God will move powerfully through the local church there, so that vulnerable people in the community continue to be reached, cared for and supported.

We are both excited about a couple of other ministries we have recently connected with, particularly Casa de Gracia (House of Grace), that seeks to provide a safe and supportive home environment for young adults who are leaving children's homes and do not have families to return to. At this stage, we are prayerfully discerning how we might become more involved in one of these ministries going forward; seeking to be attentive to God's leading and resisting the urge to rush into something new. We want to remain open to what God may be inviting us to be part of as he continues to build his kingdom.

As a church, we are currently being led through a sermon series titled Lento (Slow), which has been a timely reminder that God is never in a hurry and that his timing is perfect. Because he exists outside of our understanding of time, "A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night" (Psalm 90:4). We can rest in his timing and learn to trust him in the waiting.

Please pray for God's discernment and guidance in our lives and ministry.

Thank you for your continued support, love and prayers.

Love and blessings, David, Azaria and bump x



Photos from top to bottom: David leading the church community choir – Advent 2025; Azaria with the mentors; end-of-year dinner with the families in Bethania; with a family from one of the ministries we have been visiting



Discovering creative ways to share the hope of Jesus

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