

HELLO FROM THE HORNES:

NOVEMBER 30, 2010

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS: This is a great time of year. Underneath all the commercialization that can take place, this is a time for family, friends, and giving. **I hope you will consider spreading the gospel to the lost of Africa worthy of a special end-of-the-year gift.** Your gift supports a student whose goal is to return to his home country in Africa to preach and teach the good news of Jesus. One of our students, Leonard Magaya, came to SABC from Mutare, Zimbabwe, and even while he was a SABC student, he impressed everyone with his evangelistic fervor. Baptism followed baptism as Leonard sought, found and taught lost souls in the community around him. After graduation from the Bible College, he has continued to be a light to his Shona tribesmen.

Please prayerfully consider a special year-end gift to Southern Africa Bible College and mail it to Memorial Church of Christ, 900 Echo Ln., Houston, TX 77024. **Thank you for your partnership in this ministry through prayers and financial support.** Without you, people in a lost and dying world would not have the opportunity to hear the Gospel.

SABC WELCOMES KIRK AND CHRISTIE: We are pleased to welcome Kirk and Christie Eason to the SABC family. Kirk and Christie will be working full-time to support the spread of the Gospel in Africa by raising financial support for the Bible College. Kirk, who spent 12 years in ministry, will be the Director of Development for the USA. He comes to us after several years as a Development Officer for Lifeline Chaplaincy. Christie will be his assistant. She has several years' experience as an administrative assistant in the medical field and brings expertise, working with databases and scheduling. The Eason's currently live in Cedar Park, Texas but will move to Houston as soon as their home sells. They will worship at the Memorial Church of Christ. When asked about working for SABC, Kirk said, *"Key reasons we came to work for SABC are its long history of stable service to the kingdom and Al's & Donna's reputation as servants in Africa. We are proud to partner with them in this ministry."* Christie says, *"We are excited about being involved with a work that equips people to reach the lost, whether in Africa or around the world."*

If you have questions about giving to SABC, please contact the Eason's email or on their cell phones. Kirk Eason (512)965-0382, keason@southernafricabiblecollege.org or Christie (512)965-0381, ceason@southernafricabiblecollege.org.

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT IT? Yes, who would have thought it? Of those at our SABC Lectureship this September, there were three long-time faithful brethren who have since passed away. They were Jackie Johnson of Richard's Bay, Rodney Share of East London, and Chris Gerber of Pretoria. In fact, Chris graduated from SABC just this year with his B.A. (Theology) Degree. As the SABC President, it was my privilege to hand him his diploma on banquet night, September 30. Further, Chris has been our house sitter for the past three years while he was at SABC. In his thirties, Chris unexpectedly died on November 22, from complications of pneumonia. We're so glad that another young man at the Benoni congregation, Landre, stepped up to the plate and is house sitting for us until we get to Africa mid-February. Meanwhile, the death of these three brethren proves, once again, that *"we know not what the morrow brings."* Lectureship was such a spiritual highlight, it's a sure bet that all three were already planning to be back again next year. Instead, not just Chris, but all three graduated to glory. Here's to these three staunch SABC supporters who have a special place in our memory.

HORNE HIGHLIGHTS FOR NOVEMBER: Our weekly Home Bible Studies on Tuesday evenings have resulted in 5 baptisms! Those I immersed into Christ this month were Kathy O'Hara; Joey Castillo and his

14-year-old son, Angel; and Jessica Castillo and Nathan Benavidez. The last two have also come to our Marriage Enrichment Evenings and have asked me to perform their marriage on December 4th at the Riverside church building. Another highlight was our being part of the congregation's celebration of the 75th Wedding Anniversary of 99-year-old Lyle and 94-year-old Colleen McGuffin. It was special to be present on such a wonderful occasion because the McGuffins spent the years of 1971-72 as SABC students from America and, ever since, they have had a special place for SABC in their hearts. Besides, how many people do *you* know who have been married for 75 years?? Finishing up the month, we were thankful to spend Thanksgiving with our children, Lisa and Des, and their families in Fort Worth. Our Memphis kids, with their children, planned rather to spend Christmas with us and of course, our New Zealand missionary children could not be present, so we only had 16 to "talk turkey" with us those few days.

IN CLOSING: We have only 24 more shopping days, so roll on Christmas! In South Africa, being so heavily influenced in the past by the U.K., we have a song with the words: "*Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat, please put a penny in the old man's hat. And if you've haven't a penny, a ha-penny will do. And if you haven't a ha-penny, then God bless you!!*" We're hoping that you'll be able to put a check for SABC "in the old man's hat." Thanks again for your partnership in the gospel.

Onward and Upwards,
Al and Donna Horne.