



EVERY NATION  
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MAY 2020



## Looking to Jesus

Dear West Coast family

Greetings from our home to yours. We trust and pray that you and your family are well and coping with the new realities all of us are facing. We really miss seeing every one of you – we miss the hugs, hearing your laughter and everything that makes us a family. We appreciate you.

The question we need to be asking ourselves right now is not so much, “What should the church look like at this time?” Instead, we should be asking, “What should we look like as believers?”

Never before has it been so clear that we as believers – not a venue on a Sunday – are the church. Jesus is the author and finisher of our faith. As we look to Him, let’s endeavour to be transformed more and more into the image of Jesus, so that through our love we can show our families, communities and nation what Jesus looks like. I have written a short article about this (see page 4). Let’s carry the heart of Jesus. Let’s be His hands and feet in our community at this time.

We are all adapting to our brave new world. Please do stay connected with us and let us know what is happening in your world, what your struggles are and where we can assist you. It looks like we will be doing church differently for some time, so please share with us how we can serve you better. May the Lord bless and keep you, may He shine His light upon you and give you peace.

With love and blessings to you and your family,  
Ps Dennis and Nicky

## Mission

At Every Nation West Coast we are passionate about **loving and honouring God, loving people** and **making disciples** who will **transform society**.



*"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."  
Hebrews 10:23*





## Our deepest condolences

Our prayers and thoughts are with Anton, Tarryn, Daniel, Justin, Ryan and Stephen on the loss of their dear father and grandfather, Martin Badenhorst. We also keep Anton's mother, Hope, and sister, Charlmayne, in our prayers during this time. **We are deeply sorry for your loss. We pray that the comfort of the Holy Spirit and the love of the Father will surround you. We stand with you and pray for strength and peace during this painful time.**

## Trusting the Lord to meet our needs

**“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.” Phil 4:19,20**

Many of us are faced with great financial difficulty at this time. This may be due to loss of income, salary reductions or loss of jobs. Now, more than ever, we need to cling to the promises in God's Word, as we stand in faith and press into prayer. The Lord will look after us - He promises that He will. He will not forsake us. Last month, Nicky Jones shared an amazing testimony during church of how the Lord made a way for him to continue his business. As the only breadwinner in his home, this was an

amazing testimony of the Lord making a way for them. May we take heart when we hear these testimonies, and may we share with others when the Lord comes through for us. As a church, let us stand together and fervently pray for each other. Let us carry each others' burdens through this time. Let us build each other up in our inmost faith. Psalm 13:27 says: "I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living."

### Let's take up the call to help

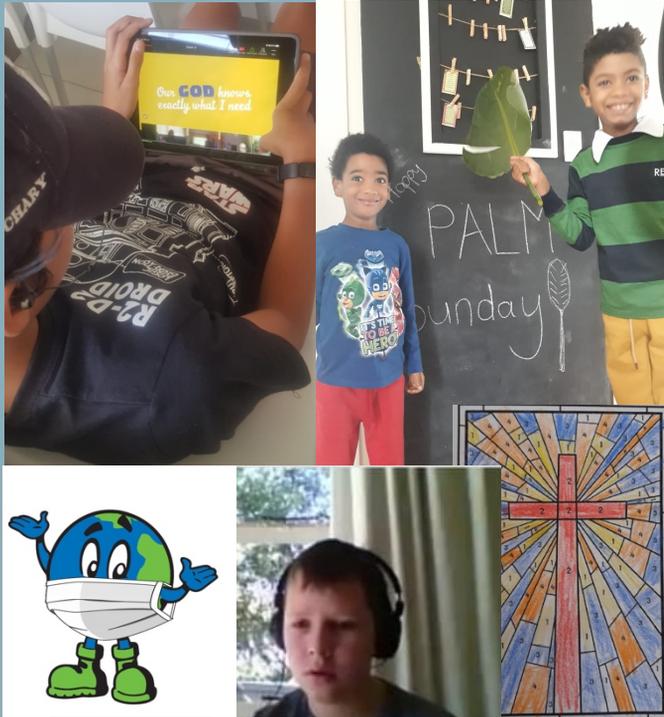
Our Health Response Team is focused on serving those within our community who need assistance, by providing food parcels or by offering other forms of support. This includes our Pantry Ministry. **We are currently in need of food and toiletry items in order to make up food parcels for those in our church who are in need. We are putting out a plea for everyone to please contribute.** Please contact Lorraine at 082 337 5736 or Maya at 083 365 3073 if:

- You are able to contribute;
- You are in need of food and essentials; and/or
- You would like to be part of the Health Response Team.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matt 25:40)



# calling all kids



We are missing getting together with all of you each week and we know how much you are missing each other! But we are still learning to be more like Jesus, taking time to sing our songs of praise and worship Him, pray and well ... experience children's church each week.

Some of our friends sent us some photographs to show us how they are having children's church each Sunday! Looks like fun!

Each week we send lessons, songs, Bible story videos, activity pages, and more, so that we keep learning. Make sure that you ask Mom or Dad to give you your copy. Join your class online, as we take turns to meet at 11:00 each Sunday and don't forget to join us on Discord for prayer every Friday at 5pm!

## LOOKING TO JESUS

By Pastor Dennis

As I journey with you through this strange new world, the one question that I keep asking myself is what would Jesus be doing if He was locked down as we are? What would His response be in the midst of this crisis. Two passages of Scripture shine some light on this.

In Luke 4:17-21, we are given this picture of Jesus in the temple: *"And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'" And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."*

In Matthew 28:18-20, we read the Great Commission where Jesus says to the disciples: *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

Jesus promises that He is with us always - He is with us in the the crisis. We are called to continue to be true to what He has called us to do: to make disciples, to baptise them, and to teach them to observe all that He has commanded us to do. This has not changed. In the first Scripture we see that we need to have Jesus' heart in this – a heart to proclaim the Good News, to proclaim freedom to those in captivity, to bring sight to those who are blind, to free those who are oppressed and to proclaim the favour of God.

My encouragement and challenge to each one of us is to BE LIKE JESUS in our homes and our community. Let's have hearts that are large and open, and that see people as He does. Let's demonstrate the love of God in all we do.

# Church at home

*During May, we will continue to have church in our homes. We miss everyone dearly and we continue to pray and look forward to the day we can return to meeting together physically as a church. Here are some reminders of how you can connect:*

## SUNDAY SERVICE

Tune in every Sunday morning at 10:00 to Church Online on the Every Nation West Coast YouTube channel. Subscribe to our channel or follow the link sent via WhatsApp every Saturday. Please remember to say 'hi' and 'amen', or comment during the service on the live chat. It's lovely that we are all at church together. Also please send Ps Dennis photos of your family 'at church'. Look at our lovely people on this page!

## CONNECT GROUPS

Our Connect Groups meet virtually, using various platforms. It is so important that we stay connected, support and pray for each other, even more so during this time. If you are not in a connect group and would like to be, please contact Ps Dennis or one of our connect leaders.

## PRAYER

We are called to pray. We have prayer meetings every weeknight (Monday to Thursday) from 19:14 to 19:30 on an online platform called Discord. Join a prayer room to pray with others or send a prayer request any time in our prayer chat. Click on <https://discord.gg/H73ZAeH> and follow the instructions.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Lessons, songs and videos are emailed to parents weekly, prior to the service. Each Sunday at 11:00, one of the classes meets on video call, where they have fun sharing, learning and praying together. Check the weekly emails for meeting IDs and other details. We have also started an exciting Discord prayer group for kids and teachers on Fridays at 17:00. For info, contact Angela at 084 478 2518 or mail [enwckids@gmail.com](mailto:enwckids@gmail.com)

## UNSHAKEN YOUTH

The Unshaken Youth leaders, Luke and Justin, have created a chat room on Discord just for youth. Click the link and follow the instructions: <https://discord.gg/H73ZAeH>. We will also be posting video links on the WhatsApp group this month.



# KEEPING IN TOUCH

## LEAD ELDERS & PASTORS

Dennis & Nicky Neville 084 567 1843

## ELDERS

Anton & Tarryn Badenhorst 083 444 9629

## MINISTRIES

Children (2-12)

& Comms: Angela Bettesworth 084 478 2518

Young Adults

& Service Ops: Dennis Neville 084 567 1843

Youth: Nicky Neville 076 662 5770

Hosting: Mmamotiti Rahube 079 527 3207

Worship: Dave Bettesworth 084 557 2276

Sound/Visual: Ian Stewart 083 645 7907

Dance: Lynne van Coller 082 593 8462

Prophetic: Melany Liebich 083 928 8732

Prayer: Anton Badenhorst 083 444 9629

Men's Ministry: Israel Rahube 082 574 7585

Oscar Borchards 078 938 6316

Women Alive: Nicky Neville & 076 662 5770

Tarryn Badenhorst 084 557 3903

The Pantry: Lorraine Sukhram 082 337 5736

## CONNECT GROUPS

### **Table View (Wednesdays pm)**

Hedley & Maida Boois 074 119 4956

### **Parklands (Wednesdays pm)**

Oscar & Lucy Borchards 078 938 6316

Israel & Mmamotiti Rahube 079 527 3207

### **Parklands Ladies (Thursdays pm)**

Melany Liebich 083 928 8732

### **Refresh – Ladies (Tues am)**

Tarryn Badenhorst 084 557 3903

### **New Ladies Group (Wed am)**

Nicky Neville 076 662 5770

### **Book Club (1<sup>st</sup> Monday pm - Ladies)**

Tarryn Badenhorst 084 557 3903

### **Young Adults**

Anton Badenhorst 083 444 9629

## BIRTHDAYS in May

- 1 Avril Jacobs
- 2 Maida Boois
- 7 Ian Branson
- 8 Matthew Govender
- 10 Penny Magona-Dano
- 10 Mmule Ekwaki
- 10 Emily Gerber
- 13 Mpho Rahube
- 14 Siyasanga Molefe
- 15 Lesedi Ndlovu
- 16 Daniel Arowolo
- 27 David Bettesworth
- 27 Melany Liebich
- 30 Nosipho Molapisane

***May the Lord bless you!***

## SUNDAY ONLINE SERVICE

**Sundays at 10:00**

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## BANKING DETAILS

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