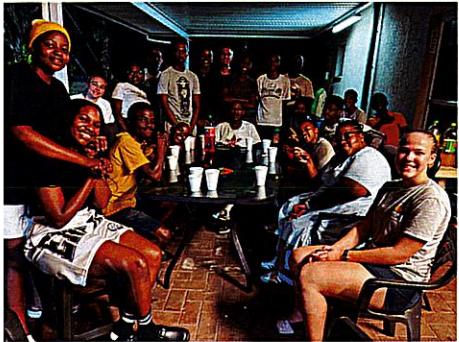


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Darin and Kathy Ishler Serving in South Africa with ABWE

A Growing Youth Group:



After a long period of challenges from Covid to low attendance and physical and spiritual battles, Crossroad's youth group is flourishing- praise the Lord! Some of the kids are volunteering to serve in children's church, helping with set-up, assisting with offering and joining the praise and worship team. We are encouraged to see the next generation growing in their faith!

Leaving Siblings:



It is not easy living far from family and friends. Yes, we are blessed to serve our Savior

here in South Africa. We would not change a thing. Having video calls and texting is certainly a joy, but it can never replace a warm hug. Please keep our kids in your prayers as they adjust to all the changes.

Resurrection Sunday:



In March we love partnering with our Zulu church plant, Sound Doctrine Fellowship for a weekend of Easter services. On Good Friday, Saturday, and Resurrection Sunday the hall is packed with visitors hearing the truth of the Gospel. After the Sonrise service Darin takes the youth group to the beach where they like to bury him.

New Colleague:



Also, in March a young man named Ruben arrived to minister with us for a year. He has been an awesome addition to our Durban

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team.

Ruben has a burden for individuals facing addiction, incarceration, and hopelessness. He weekly visits a nearby rehab and juvenile detention center and leads Bible studies at Crossroads too.

Sharing Jesus at Fun Day:



In May we partnered with our WOL friends and had a "Fun Day" with our Sunday School kids. There were lots of games, snacks, and a Bible lesson about the love of Jesus. Many kids were interested in knowing more. Alexis and I had the privilege of sharing the Gospel and many children made professions of faith in Christ!

Praises:

Darin led one of our young adults to Christ after mentoring him for 12 years!

6 students attended April's Sunday School Workshop

Darin and Kathy started a Couple's Bible Study

Prayer Requests:

Health and travel safety for our summer furlough

Strength for Ruben as he continues the Durban ministries

We will reapply for our visas in New York while in the US