

Barry and Louise Adkins

2023 ZEMA Annual Report

Ministry in Port Elizabeth

Our ZEBS numbers are okay, but we would love to have an increase in numbers in 2024.

Anni and Louise's monthly breakfast meeting continues to be an encouraging time for both which was disrupted by Louise going to the USA on furlough and the Steiner family doing home alterations.

Soup Kitchen has been a steady place of ministry and Louise has organized with one of the ladies who does décor for functions to teach her flower arranging in 2024.

Louise has felt the Lord encouraging her to be available to listen and encourage folk as part of the pastoral care ministry of our local church and is excited to see how that develops in 2024. This idea began in September and has developed into a team who feel the Lord leading us to something much bigger.

Mentorship continues to be a weekly and monthly fellowship with various folk we meet with for Bible Study and to do life together and pray with each other. This is always an encouraging and precious time.

Louise's furlough in the USA in Sep and Oct was a wonderful time. Because she was alone, she was able to stay with people and connect with folk on a deeper level. She came away from her time there aware that each meeting was an appointment the Lord made and each person or family she stayed with was all part of His plan.

She was able to make their needs and requests known and had quite a few people take the website link to contribute. As of Jan 2024, we are still waiting to see the results of those folks giving as the swap over in the USA is still in the process. Our hope is that no one got lost along the way and that those folk would be generous.

Family matters.

Barry and the children coped well while Louise was in the USA. However, when she arrived home just in time for Barry to have his second knee replacement the wheels came off for both children.

The ending of 2023 has been difficult increasing our stress levels and medical bills. We are certainly glad 2023 is done and we enter 2024 exhausted and hopeful for more miracles in all the areas of our family and lives that need healing.

As we start this New Year, we appreciate the Lord's kindness and nearness to us as we navigate "impossible" situations and will walk by faith as we see Him once again make a way where there is no way.