

**DANIEL & BETH HOFFMAN**

We are so thankful for the team of people that God raised up to cover all the details of Sunbury Camp while we are on home assignment in the United States. We were blessed to be able to be a part of our eldest son, Cooper, getting married and join in the celebration. We have been able to travel and see many ministry partners and family this year as well as help our son, Tucker, get adjusted to life in America again.

**BRETT & EVELYN MILLER**

In 2021 we were able to pay the teachers through COVID-19. Our students were able to get notes, most months, and our Radio program was highly regarded and rated. It led to more than a few TV appearances and speaking engagements for the leadership of the college.

**GREG & CARLENE SEGHERS**

Greg and Carlene have been in transition for the last few years. This transition has meant evaluating our ministry activities in SA and determining what activities/responsibilities can/will be taken over by others and which should come to a close. The transition has also included acquainting ourselves with the running of ZEMA's office in the USA. We continue to identify priorities and responsibilities that we will focus on when our ministry is, once again, based out of Zion, IL. The transition requires a moment-by-moment evaluation of relationships and learning, as we ask God to guide us to love well while living continents away from people important to us. Another person will take on the role of Field Director in January 2023. Beginning in 2022, the ZEBS schools Greg has been responsible for will be administered by co-workers. These are national pastors who have handled the various roles at the Bible schools for many years. In 2022, Greg & Carlene will begin residing permanently in the USA.

Highlights this year is that God provides for ZEMA! John and Janice Lewin have become an integral part of the team running Sunbury. God also provided by opening the way for short-term missionaries once again. Geff & Katy Lee are currently filling in at Sunbury. Christ Community Church is sending another team to sponsor ZEMA's Missionary Conference in January; we are thankful! It has been a joy to see our African partners own their ministries and the responsibilities necessary to keep their ZEBS running. We watch in wonder at God's plan unfold. In 2020-2021, ZEMA ministries further incorporated IT means and methods: building and maintaining ZEMA's web presence has become a thing! Communication with amaZioni through WhatsApp and virtual methods is also developing. We have donors who provided hundreds of micro SD cards and LightStream devices (WiFi routers) for amaZioni teachers and students to share God's Word data-free.

# JOY TO THE WORLD

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## TIM & LUANN KUEHL

All of our family has experienced God's protection this year in many ways. We thank and praise God that our eldest daughter Marie is now 18 months cancer free! Our son Matthew's first year as a ZEMA missionary is going very well and our youngest is settling into the Midwest after 5 years on the west coast. God did a wonderful work to reopen eight ZEBs in our area. Many of our leaders and students experienced serious hardships from the pandemic and rioting. Our hearts are uplifted to hear them declare that God is good, and they are not turning back from following Jesus or turning to other beliefs in spite of many adversities.

Recently, I chatted with Bishop Shadrack Gumbi. He graduated from Katilehong ZEBs three years ago. He said that he decided to give his life to Jesus only at the end of his third year of ZEBs. He was the top Bishop of his Zion denomination. When he started to teach at his church what he learned at ZEBs, the people said: "You can't teach that here." They wanted to remove him. However, he told them that he would not leave but just sit in the back. He felt responsible for the people as he knew he had taught them false teaching. Well, he was able to report that the people never removed him from his position, and he is now teaching the truth to his many church branches, transforming his Zion denomination for Jesus.

## ANDY & HEATHER SULLIVAN

Andy and Heather live on the lower KwaZulu Natal south coast. They continue to be active in the ministry of ZEFA (Zion Evangelical Fellowship of Africa) but as Andy steps down as Administrator of ZEFA and Paul Seelhammer will succeed him. Andy will continue to serve as the Assistant Administrator (the position Paul held) and will "mentor" him as he takes over the responsibilities of church development and leadership training among our Zionist churches and church leaders.

Pray for guidance and direction as we plan for another year of ministry. Pray for wisdom and understanding as we minister in a "post COVID-19" society with all the changes that have happened.

## TIMON & ANNI STEINER

"A highlight for me (Timon) was certainly the local ZEBs graduation at the beginning of the year. It had been postponed from last year due to COVID-19. This was my first time ever to attend a ZEBs graduation. I was invited as a "guest" and since I wasn't a ZEBs teacher myself, I thought this would be a nice experience to watch from the back row. But as is typical if you're the "white missionary" in this context, you cannot get away with sitting in the backrow. The next thing I know, I'm given a graduation gown to wear and I must sit with the teachers up front. In the end, I was found handing over certificates and giving the devotional message for the graduates; and all of this wearing a thick long gown, melting away at 100 degrees (Fahrenheit) in a tin roof building! Welcome to Africa!"

## STEPHEN & JESSICA LANGLEY

2021 was a year of tremendous challenges! However, God was faithful through it all. For us, the biggest highlight of the year was actually being able to return home to South Africa. After being stuck in the USA for almost all of 2020, we are so grateful that God allowed us to return to the country, work, and people we love so much. We love and miss our family and friends in the States, but we believe we are where God wants us. Our return in 2021 was confirming in that belief, and we look forward to all that God has for us here!

## KIT TISCHLER

In the first half of the year, our small group at Vaal University worked through the book of James. It was a joy to gather each week with the guys, along with new students. The sharp Word of God exposed some errors in our thinking and practice, and pointed us down the right path. Another highlight was visiting new Zionist churches with the students. One church met in the garage of a house. Its pastors were sangomas (traditional diviners). It was sad to see Zionists being led astray, but also a joy to meet this church and invite them to attend our Bible Schools.

The second half of the year was spent on home assignment in America. There were many sweet moments with family and friends. It was also a blessing to have time to plan and prepare for serving and loving the amaZioni in 2022.

## RICHARD & GERALDINE AKERS

Rejoicing that a third granddaughter was born in April 2021.

Rejoicing that someone we appointed as a ZEBs teacher has himself recruited and is now mentoring a new ZEBs teacher.

## MARK & BARB HUGO

Praise to God for His continued provision and protection during this past year, and for the growth we witness amongst those we serve. Our prayer as ever is to help the mile wide church in Southern Africa to grow far past an inch thick, and we are privileged to be a part of this task. Our prayer in the Western Cape is to follow up on leads we have received in 2021, and the serious possibility of starting at least one new school in the more remote parts of our province. Thanks for faithful prayer, may we walk and continue to walk in step.

## LUAAN & SUSANNE GOOSEN

We praise God for the unstoppable progress of the gospel and the advancement of His kingdom via tracts, Bible schools, Sunday Schools, preaching at public schools and all night services, etc..... Luaan has been asked over this past year to speak on the radio a few times for live call in questions. One of the topics for the evening program was "Can a Christian be a pastor and a witchdoctor at the same time?" Several called in for a lively discussion. Luaan was thankful that he had written gospel tracts during COVID-19 lockdown because this proved to be most rewarding. All of his extensive research on this very issue had been summarized in written form so he was able to answer their questions in depth.

Another highlight from this year was when one of the Bible school students requested a meeting with Luaan with a sincere concern. He expressed that his dad was a preacher, and he had witnessed many bad things when churches did not follow the Word of God. He said, "Please will you help me, even if it takes five years? I don't want to do things in a wrong way, but I desire to obey God and to follow the teachings of the Bible so that the blessing of God is upon the work. This is one of several people who show us that though there are some who come to the Bible classes just for a certificate, many are there because they truly fear God and want to lead as a pastor in Christ's church in the Biblical and correct way. May multitudes come to know and love the Lord Jesus Christ!"

## BARRY & LOUIS ADKINS

Barry was metal detecting on the beach one morning and a Mozambican man (James), who is a Zionist as well as a Witch Doctor, asked him about what he was doing. The conversation led from one thing to another and this man asked Barry for a Bible verse so that he could connect with God, as his life has completely fallen apart. Barry was then able to share the gospel with this man and also share from Hebrews 4: 14-15.

## JON & LAUREN EMANUELSON

God has continued to show His faithfulness to us throughout this past year of 2021 and He has accomplished much good for His kingdom. There has been much enthusiasm for both the Zion Evangelical Bible School and the Mukhanyo Theological College distance site here in East London, Eastern Cape. It is also exciting to see how God is opening doors for more resources to become available for the building up of strong Zion leaders and churches. May God receive all the glory! May you all have a very blessed Christmas.

## DENNIS & CAITLIN BOATMAN

God has been extremely good to us this year – the birth of Eden ("delight" in Hebrew) has brought unexpected joy to the family, Garrett has been thriving in school, Dennis' sister got married, and his parents got to visit us from Zambia. Caitlin's mom had a successful hip replacement, and we have been able to visit a lot of friends and family, sharing about ZEMA with all of them. We are grateful to be part of the ZEMA family, and can't wait to see how God works in the year to come.

## PAUL & CARRIE SEELHAMMER

A new partnership with Jesus Film Project has provided 600 micro SD cards and 100 Light Stream Wi-Fi devices. We can use these for distributing Jesus Film materials, Trumpet of Zion programs and other Bible teaching materials to bring the Word of God to the Zion churches.

In August one of Paul's Vhembe District ministry partners suddenly passed on. He was the key contact with the ZCC an UAAC churches. Please pray for perseverance for the future work in the Vhembe District.

## MATTHEW KUEHL

2021 has been one of the most blessed years of my life. My first blessing: I went from having sold or stored most of my worldly goods in the USA, to being settled in an apartment and having most of all I need in South Africa. It took time and effort, but it was so amazing to see my life slowly become more normal. My second blessing: God has placed me with an amazing team! It has been great to form closer and closer bonds with the other missionaries and our local workers, especially my language helper. He has become a great friend. My third blessing: God allowed me to serve Him through different ministries. From the slow process of learning Zulu to attending every local ZEBs I could! I had many opportunities to preach, teach and "carry the briefcase." The last meaning to help practically, i.e., helping with things like setup and takedown. I learned I love working at our ZEBs bookstore. I enjoyed going to different types of amaZioni services - baby dedications, college Bible studies, ordinations, funerals, and Sunday services just to name a few. The main blessing is that I know I am in God's will. When you have confirmation after confirmation about where God wants you, there is a peace and a joy that comes to living your everyday life and going to work, even when it can be logistically hard. I thank God for blessing me in this way most of all.