

## **Stephen and Jessica Langley**

### **2024 ZEMA Annual Report**

#### Personal

2024 was a year of healing and happiness for us. After a couple of very challenging years, this felt like the first full calendar year in a while of stability and peace. We thank the Lord for that! We had a number of large answers to prayer this year:

- That ZEMA was able to buy this house and the blessing of being able to stay here
- The installation of solar, which has hugely reduced the stress and inconvenience of increasingly frequent power outages.
- A larger vehicle with 4-wheel drive
- Improvements in Stephen's health

We also welcomed our son William Njabulo into the world and have enjoyed this new season as parents, even as we figure out what that looks like. We had a lot of family visit us, including Jessica's parents, Stephen's parents (his dad twice!), and Stephen's brother John and family from Botswana. And we continue to be blessed by our local church family; we have an abundance of community and support here, for which we're very grateful.

#### Ministry

The focus of our ministry this year was on BibleProject; our initial role as fundraisers and general support developed into a much more full-time role as proofreaders/watchers of all the content before it is finalized and published. We feel well-suited to this role and have enjoyed it. Our team had a few changes and challenges, but on the whole it was a strong and committed group. We've developed a good workflow and a great working relationship in particular with our producer, Simon. We look forward to the progress we'll make in 2025!

Stephen took a number of trips for media ministry to record for the podcast: to Gauteng with Kit and KG, Mpumalanga with Richard and Geraldine, and the Eastern Cape with Luaan, as well as some local recording with Marius and Nozipho. He also continued to teach at ZEBS once a month and maintained good relationships with our fellow ZEBS leaders, Siphon Mfusi and Thokozani Nene. We are grateful for these great local partners in the gospel! We're also grateful for the growth and maturity of Siya Ntombela, whom Stephen has been discipling for the past few years. He is now studying full-time at UBI; we hope that he will continue to grow and perhaps partner with us in ministry in the future.

Jessica was able to maintain relationships with a few ladies she has discipled, though her primary focus for the second half of the year was on William. One of the ladies in particular, Siza, has demonstrated a steadfast faith and commitment to Jesus. Jessica was able to visit her church, which is still walking in darkness, and encourage her via WhatsApp throughout the year.