

Day 1: Ostrich Outreach

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Thank you for praying for the peoples of Sub-Saharan Africa in VBS this year. God has answered prayer. Eighty farmers produced more than 6,000 birds this past season! The ostriches are now away from the individual farms. They are in a large series of holding pens. They are being sold, and the farmers are looking forward to receiving their profit which will help them buy school clothes for their children and food for their tables. Hopefully they will have some money to buy something more expensive—like a refrigerator or furniture.

We are praying that Bible study groups here will become churches. Albany Baptist Church, which is about an hour's drive away, has begun to send members to participate in the Bible studies. We are thankful for the response of national Baptists. Also, a new Bible study has been started through ostrich project contacts in the nearby rural area of Woodlands.

Please pray:

1. That the gospel will break out of the Bible study group into the wider community.
2. That the partnership with Albany Baptist will strengthen the Ndlambe (name of the rural area where we are ministering) group and lead the group to become a church.
3. That a new Bible study (Woodlands) which has started in the area will continue to grow and become a church. (Two men have prayed to receive Christ in that group in the past three months!)
4. That our son, Robert (featured in the video), will enjoy his senior year of high school and have a good transition to the United States next year. (Note: School years here are calendar years. He will graduate in December and return to the US to begin college in August 2011.)
5. For these upcoming events: June 11-July 11 of this year the Soccer World Cup will be held here in South Africa. We will be involved with a volunteer team that is coming to hold soccer clinics and draw youth to Christ. We will be reaching out to new rural areas where the ostrich project farmers live in the last half of the year. In early 2011, we will begin to transition all ministry in our area to national partners as we prepare for Stateside assignment in June.

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