

Greetings in Jesus' name!

The Congregation of Diazville sends their best regards, and we are praying for Salisbury. Through the grace of The Almighty God, we are all doing well.

Our people in Diazville are not able to pay me any money but with the support of Salisbury Baptist for a car and petrol my wife, Kathleen, and I have been able travel up to Diazville every week to minister to my congregation. Unfortunately that vehicle is no longer fit for the road but God has provided and I am able to rent a car from my job in Capetown at the moment.

One of our members has started a choir and they sing on Sundays. The Sunday school children attend the meetings on a regular basis and we have increasing attendance. Some of our youth attended a camp during the Easter week-end and we pray that they will continue to commit their lives to the Lord. In June we had another child dedicated to the Lord.

Our congregation also held a wonderful week of prayer recently. We held a Bible study for the community on Monday evening and Tuesday evening for our congregation and on Wednesday evening we had cottage meetings depending where there was a need. Our congregation is small, 57 people, and only 5 are able to tithe regularly.

Diazville is a poor community and many people are not working. But the Lord has supplied for our needs and as it says in 1 Peter 4:12 "Trials are to be expected but God is never surprised". He permits our trials, and He can enable us to respond to them in a way that honours Him.

Our theme for June and July is 'Prayers that change your life'. We are also planning to have a week of house visitation and one Sunday afternoon our daughter, Anthea, will give a talk on the seriousness of HIV.

We thank the Salisbury congregation for their help in the past and we value your support.

Charles van der Westhuizen



In 1999 Salisbury Baptist Church (SBC) began a partnership with Diazville Baptist Church in South Africa and during July and August of 2000 SBC's Minister, David Rogers, made a Sabbatical visit to South Africa, including a visit to Diazville.

Diazville is a poor coloured suburb of Saldanha. In 2000 Diazville Baptist Church, the only church of any sort in the suburb, was meeting in the garage of one of its members. There is a high incidence of domestic and child abuse as well as alcohol and drug use and a lack of resources for the youth. With great vision and sacrifice the Diazville church purchased a piece of land from the municipality and in August 2000 a "turning of the sod" ceremony took place. The official opening of Diazville Baptist Church's new building took place on December 21st 2003 with Angela Siderfin representing Salisbury Baptist Church in attendance.

After a long search Charles van der Westhuizen accepted a call to the Church and was inducted as Pastor in March 2003. Under his ministry the church has grown steadily with a number of conversions, baptisms and dedications taking place regularly. Pastor Charles and his wife Kathleen travel two hours from their home in Cape Town twice a week to minister to the people of Diazville.

With a legacy specifically to mission, over the past 5 years SBC has been supporting Pastor Charles' work but this funding has now been exhausted.



2007 SBC Team with some members of the congregation

In August 2007 the Rogers Family, Melanie Newbery, Angela Siderfin, Dave and Cathy Mant, Dave and Wendy Rundle and Janna McIntyre spent a week with the people of Diazville Baptist. We spent every evening at the church meeting and getting to know the people. We took with us some puppets which we used in ministry at the church as well putting on puppet shows at the local schools. We showed the children and adults how to use the puppets and donated them to the church when we left.



Angela and Kathleen showing the puppets to the children



If you would like more information on our mission to Diazville, chat to any one of the 2007 team.

Another visit to Diazville is being planned so if you are interested in going please contact Melanie or Angela.

FUND RAISING EVENT

**August 14
Car Wash
and
Bake Sale**

We look forward to your support
thank you