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'He does as he pleases with the powers of heaven and the peoples of the earth. No one can hold back his hand or say to him: "What have you done?"' Daniel 4:35. As a third wave of COVID arrives in South Africa and we wait for the results of our visa renewal, we were encouraged by this reminder that the Lord reigns over all powers and authorities. When much in life is uncertain, the Lord's reign remains constant and good.

Johannesburg Bible College (JBC)

It has been so good to teach face-to-face classes again. We are in the second of four terms in the year. Our classes this year are slightly smaller to allow for social distancing but smaller classes have given more time for individual help for students and enabled smaller groups. We feel that students are making good progress in their learning.

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My work this year divides into four main areas. I lead the Soweto campus, one of two campuses of JBC. I teach classes – currently a bible overview, understanding the Bible, the Psalms, preaching workshops, and God's word to God's world (a course about applying the Bible to all of life). I oversee our staff training, which includes some one-to-one bible studies, group training days and a training conference for trainers across Africa. I also oversee our course compliance for accreditation – at some point we will be visited without warning by the governing

authority to check the quality of our teaching and training. It's an enjoyable and full mix of different work and we have a great team serving together.

Hope Church

We have been meeting in-person for the last three months, although the third wave means that our small group is going back on to Zoom and there are likely to be further restrictions to church services coming soon. Our group has had several new members join over the past few months – please pray

for regular attendance and growth in Christ. We've also welcomed a growing number from church for lunch on Sundays.

Family news

We submitted our visa renewal application in March but haven't yet heard the result. Please pray that the visas would be granted soon. We would love to visit the UK to see family, friends and our supporting churches and to rest,

but we probably can't do this until our visas have been issued. We are hoping to be in the UK from 15 June to 8 August but this may need to be shortened if our visas do not come through.



One of the runners John trains with has agreed to meet up and look at John's Gospel. Please pray that he will continue to meet to look at John's Gospel and will trust in Christ.



The children are enjoying homeschooling and various activities out of the house. David recently entered and enjoyed his first kayaking competition. Matthew is loving his drama course and Samuel has joined his brothers at the Hope Church children's group. Jenny has been working hard on the JBC database and has appreciated gaining a better insight into the workings of JBC. She's enjoyed meeting up for a drink with some of the ladies from church.

Give thanks

- That the Lord reigns in every nation and over every circumstance.
- For face-to-face classes continuing so far at JBC.
- For the runner agreeing to read John's Gospel with John.

For prayer

- That visas will be granted soon and that a trip to the UK will be refreshing and encouraging.
- That students will continue through the cold Johannesburg winter and any restrictions that lockdown brings.
- For the runner to keep meeting with John and to come to faith in Christ.

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