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## Darin and Kathy Ishler Serving in South Africa with ABWE

This unique summer of Covid-19 isolation has led ministry in Durban to new levels of evangelistic outreach. God has taken the Durban Benevolent Fund food ministry far beyond what we could have ever imagined! While our old normal schedule of Sunday service and midweek Bible studies were suspended at times, God furthered His Gospel in communities that might never had been exposed to the truth of the Scriptures.

Darin's new schedule is taking turns with Pastor Dennis sharing the Sunday sermon on WhatsApp with members who have airtime and access to data. On Monday's we have started up with young adult Bible study. Since it is a small group, we can sanitize and distance without difficulty. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Darin and Pastor Mzo shop and deliver food parcels to families who are struggling. On Fridays Darin and Ella shop for the soup kitchen ingredients. Ella and the youth girls help chop veggies or sort beans Friday afternoon and evening. The soup kitchens are held on three of the four Saturdays each month. One location is in KwaMakhutha, where three families from Sound Doctrine Fellowship live. Another area is in Inanda where two brothers stay

who attend SDF. The third location is in Chesterville, where two sisters from SDF have a wonderful testimony in their community.



Chesterville Soup Kitchen Volunteers

What is a blessing to our hearts, is that many of the people who have been helped with food parcels, are volunteering at the soup kitchens! They want to show their gratitude to the church and to God for providing in their time of need.

Another exciting result of the grocery deliveries and soup kitchens is the response to the Gospel being clearly presented. People are inviting their neighbors and requesting the pastors to preach to them at their home. Just recently Pastor Dennis and other SDF leaders went for a follow-up visit and 2 ladies got saved. There are so many Zulu people that God has touched from the food ministries

that want to join the Sound Doctrine Fellowship. Pastor Mzo has already been driving around looking for larger venues. What a wonderful problem to have!

We also have two prayer requests. Technically our visas expire this month. The SA government has extended them until October. The office is only open for collections, not applications. Please pray that we can get an appointment at the earliest opening, that everything goes smoothly and that all five will be granted for the full 3 years.

Usually, we have many visitors throughout the year. Ella's homeschool books are waiting to be transported to Durban by someone flying here with two suitcases of her curriculum. However, no flights are allowed at this time and it's too expensive to courier because the international mail system is still not running yet. Please also pray for our continued health and safety. Thank you so much for your support, encouragement, and especially your prayers!

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