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Pastor Dennis prayerfully asked Pastor Congolo to consider the unusual request. Pastor Congolo was learning sound Bible doctrine in Pastor Dennis's weekly classes. He was growing and trying to teach his congregation the truth of the Scriptures.



family. Darin and Pastor Dennis were on their way to the lady's house. She did not know that they were coming. As the food was brought in, the lady cried and said that she kept praying to God to help them, she cried out and her God heard her. Pastor Congolo at first



burglaries and potentially cause riots. We know we are safe in God's faithful hands.

Darin and Pastor Dennis continue to share a Sunday message via phone for those who have data and airtime. We have divided our congregation into



It was difficult because Congolo's congregation could not support him financially and Congolo himself still had a lot more pastoral training to attain. The church we serve in, Crossroad's Community of Christ, recently planted a daughter church in town. Pastor Dennis prayerfully asked Congolo to bring his congregation to join the Sound Doctrine Fellowship. The blend is working out very well. Shortly before the Covid-19 isolation, a lady from Pastor Congolo's church was saved out of the Shembe religion. Pastor Congolo did not have a lot of time to disciple her before social distancing was put in place. About a week ago, Darin was notified of six different families that were out of food from our daughter church. We received some donations and purchased two boxes of food for each

wondered if she was praying to Shembe, but she smiled and assured him that it was the one true God that heard and answered her prayer! What a blessing to see her grow in her new-found faith. Praise the Lord that people like you are making it possible for Africans to be fed both physically and spiritually.

We are currently on day 32 of a fairly strict level 5 lockdown. There are no restaurants open, no take-out, and no one is allowed to go outside their property to exercise or work unless they are essential. One person per family can go to a nearby store or pharmacy. Please pray that people will be allowed to go back to work soon. Even before the lockdown there was great poverty. Continued unemployment will increase

care groups. Leaders in charge of a group text or call at least once a week to check on the members' needs and give encouragement and hope. Darin and Pastor Dennis have a special permit from the government giving them permission for pastoral visits.

Kathy continues to homeschool Ella and Alexis. Tyler even has morning classes via Zoom. Ella and Kathy are working on keyboard music for church, we are working on Zulu language learning, and Kathy is studying for her Biblical counseling course.

Thank you so much for praying for us, for your encouraging emails, your love, and support. We could not share the gospel here in South Africa without you!