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## **Greater Grace Church Moreleta Park**

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### **OUR CHURCH VISION (Update: 01.01.2021):**

#### **Our vision statement:**

*A church that is building a cross-culture family through teaching and applying (living) the mind of Christ.*

Our vision comes from Jesus' call for the church to go out into the world to preach the gospel and make disciples, teaching them God's word and heart.

We believe that the church should be more than just a gathering on Sundays, but that it should be something that is part of our everyday lives. A church should be a local family, a source of strength, growth, knowledge, rest, encouragement, and conviction for our lives. Therefore, our church in Moreleta Park has a vision to not just to bring people together, but also to unify them through the blood of Christ. This unity in Jesus Christ spans across cultures, races, languages, backgrounds, and countries to bring us all into one new culture that is sourced in the Cross of Jesus.

*Ephesians 2:13-14 KJV*

*But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. [14] For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;*

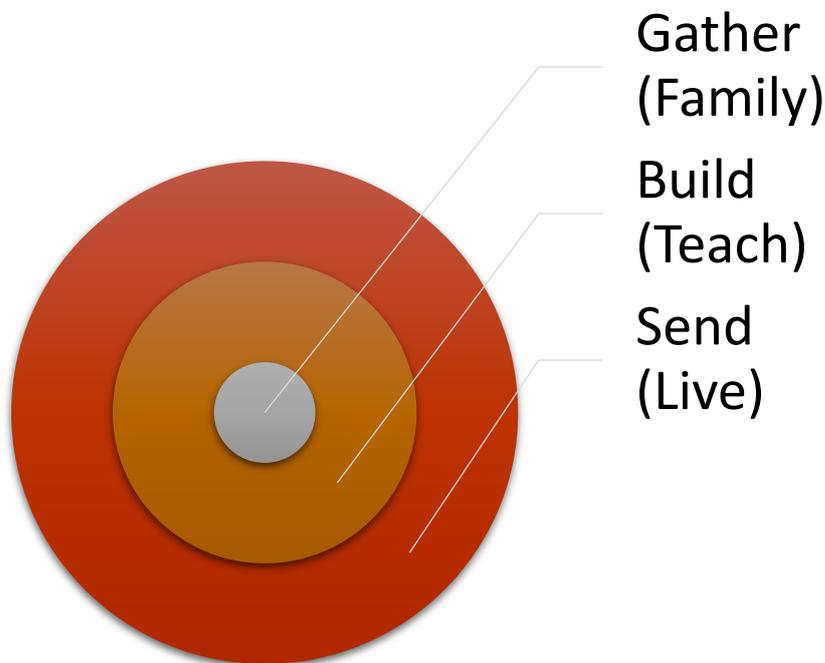
Through the preaching of the gospel in our church, on the streets, and in our communities we bring the light of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world, bringing hope and new life to all those that will hear and receive Jesus.

But this unity is but the beginning of our vision. We cannot stop simply at Salvation, people also need to be built up through the truth (Bible) and the love of Christ. This is why we have church services, Sunday school (SOON), Bible School, Bible Studies, Men's and Woman's ministries, discipleship, and leadership programs.

As people are being built up, we also have the vision to send them out. To send them out into their neighborhoods, into our city, into our country, and to the rest of the world. Our vision for missions start with the families that are closest to each one of us, then ripples out further and further, bringing the life change power of Jesus to all people. Not every person is called to be a

missionary in a foreign country, but every Christian is called to be a missionary where ever they are and where ever they go.

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### **What does this look like for our Church?**

Practically speaking what does this look like for us as a local church in Pretoria?

To make it easy to understand, follow, and apply we will break it down into 3 main sections:

- Short-term (what we are doing right now, daily)
- Medium-term (What we are planning to do soon)
- Long-term (What we ultimately want to achieve)

All three of these work together towards our ultimate vision to fulfill our purpose as a church: To get to know God and to bear much spiritual fruit to the glory of His name.

We will start with the long-term vision and work ourselves back so that you can have a better understanding of how the daily stuff fits into the bigger picture.

### **Long-term Vision (within the next 10 year):**

To help us reach our ultimate vision we want to build our local church to be a place where we can reach, build, and train as many people as possible. However, it is important to know that we do not want to be a „Megachurch“. We want to reach an optimal size, in terms of church members, to enable us to do what we have been called to do as best as we can, but we have no desire to grow one single church beyond that. Between 200 – 500 people max. At that stage, we must already have started planting new churches in different areas and sending our many missionaries. There is no point in keeping all those people in one place when we could divide and multiply the fruit 10x, 20x, or 100x.

## **In terms of infrastructure, ministries, and Missions:**

We have the vision have the following:

- A large Sunday School and Children's ministry
- A Children's outreach focused on reaching the children in our communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- A Big enough Chapel to cater for our Church services
- A Parent's room for our little ones
- A Large facility for our training center: Bible School, Leadership development, Language School, People development in practical skills.
- A Fellowship Hall for after-church fellowship and Church events.
- A Coffee shop for the church and open to the public (free coffee after church services though 😊).
- A Studio for Grace Waves (our „radio“ / Live program), daily devotionals, video recording, interviews, talk shows, and podcast program.
- A fulltime Bible Academy and fulltime teachers
- A Dormitory for Bible Academy students and other short term students to stay.
- A church Library (classic and digital access)
- A training program for Pastors (any church)
- A training program for church leadership and leadership in general
- A training program for missionaries and church planting
- A training program for parents (Focus on the Family)
- A training program for youth (practical life skills and ministry skills)
- A music school
- A language school
- A sports facility
- A Christian School
- A counseling center
- Several evangelistic outreach programs in the City
- A program to help the poor and needy in our community (Food, training, counseling, accountability)
- A support program for returning Missionaries (Housing, financial support, jobs, reintegration).
- Missions and church planting (Trips, meetings, etc)
- Send out missionaries to surrounding countries (Swaziland, Lesotho, Namibia, Botswana, Madagascar).

This list will grow as God put's new things on our hearts, but these are the things that we know God has been laying on our thoughts and hearts for several years. We have been speaking about it, dreaming about it, praying about it. We know that in God's time He will bring these things to pass, it is His work and His vision.

### **Medium-term vision (within the next 5 years):**

Our medium-term vision has everything to do with implementation. We will never reach our long-term vision if we do not start on a small scale with these things.

Therefore, our medium-term vision is to start as many of the long-term vision stuff as possible. Even if we just have the planning done and we start to move in the right direction, implementing on a small scale where possible. Building the project plan for each one of these will be essential in achieving them. A vision without action is just a dream.

Some more specific items will that that in the next 5 years we want to:

- Plan and arrange for our move to a bigger building/property (we have a 5-year contract starting January 2021) The place we are moving into in Jan 2021 will be sufficient for our Medium-term vision but will not be sufficient for our long-term vision.
- Look into purchasing the piece of land we are currently on. Which will be big enough for our long-term vision.
- Start with as many possible or ALL of the items on our long-term vision.
- Have fulltime staff at the church (Senior Pastor, Teachers, Admin)
- Have planted at least 3 more churches in Pretoria (Including Johannesburg).
- Have planted at least 1 new church in a new country (Surrounding countries from the long-term vision list)
- Have a church of about 200 „members“
- Have a Bible academy of about 50+ students
- Have a yearly Men's camp in the Drakensburg (similar to 4th Musketeer SA)
- Host yearly Women's conference
- Host yearly Men's conference
- Host yearly Leadership conference
- Assist Missionaries in Mozambique and Kenya to secure a building for the church.

### **Short-term vision (doing in the next 1 year):**

Our short term vision consists of things we are currently busy doing and things that we want to start doing/achieve within the next year.

Currently, we are busy moving to a new building which will open up many of the items on our long-term vision list.

Our vision for the next year:

- Move into the new building
- Renovate the new building
- Raise money for building and vision
- Setup our Sunday School
- Setup new mother's room
- Setup training Facility
- Setup Grace Waves Studio
- Setup Coffee Shop
- Equip building with all required equipment and security.
- Setup the basketball court and soccer field.
- Host 20th-anniversary Mzansi conference
- Men's and Woman's Camp
- Start Language School
- Start leadership development.
- Increase support for Missions
- Start 2-3 new Bible studies
- Ordain new Pastor
- Setup proper church staff roles and fill them.
- Begin outreach to businesses in the area.
- Business outreach with business courses.

- Have a Christmas Play
- Grow the worship team.
- Visit Mozambique and Kenya
- Have a full-time Pastor.
- Host Monthly missions Sunday
- Connect with Nelmapius Church and build a stronger relationship through monthly videos and gifts sent to them.
- Host quarterly worship evenings
- Host Monthly Leadership prayer
- Host Monthly leadership breakfast
- Revitalize outreach program
- Develop multiple outreach programs
- Covid counseling
- Vlog for covid counseling

As the year progresses we will add to the short-term vision but many of these things are already in progress and God willing we will complete them and much more in the coming year.

As the Church grows and as God leads our vision will be adjusted. We look not to ourselves or to our ability to bring these things to pass, but rather we walk each step by faith, prayerfully continuing to pursue God's purpose and calling for us as a church.