



THE KITSON FAMILY

Cape Town, South Africa

Working with



Then JESUS said to the Jews that had believed in Him, **"If you abide in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free!"** — John 8:31-32

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION

We're a Florida native, now family of five. Our home and sending church is Calvary Chapel St. Pete. We were sent out in 2010. Our family has grown since then to include three children, Lydia (10), Job (9) & Timothy (8) – the younger two were born in Cape Town.

We've joined a group called Arise & Shine Evangelistic Association (ASEA), and we're working together with them to establish a permanent base in Cape Town – where the hope of Christ and discipleship is desperately needed. We have several goals toward that effect. There is a link on the ASEA website that bullet-points our central vision.

Vision and Beliefs - www.arise-shine.org/about/beliefs-vision/

If you have an extra moment, it's worth reading the page that tells the organization's history, linked at the bottom labeled "History & Founder." It's reasonably concise and would help give a feel for where we fit into the story, here in Cape Town.

To summarize what we are doing here, here are some bullet points:

- **CHURCH** – Our local fellowship is a bit of a mission field of its own. Most of the members of our church are very poor, and we welcome the outcast that might not fit in, or feel welcomed elsewhere. Working closely with Dirk Wood, founder of ASEA, and I are missionary pastors in the church supported by our home churches, allowing any offering collected to stay in the church, Surfside Christian Fellowship.
- **EVANGELISM** – The Great Commission includes being a public witness of Jesus. We take the Gospel to the busy city center and the smaller poverty-stricken communities. We aim intensely to motivate people to seek God in His Word as paramount to making them His disciples (John 8:31 defining the term, "disciple.") We intentionally put this first. Our goal is not merely to "make converts" or "win arguments" but to communicate the Gospel to everyone we can, as thoroughly as we are able, with love.
- **DRUG & CRIMINAL REHABILITATION** – The clients might come in to get sober, but we give them JESUS and a reason to change. Most of those in the program have led a life of 'gangsterism', from the violent areas known as the Cape Flats. We teach them through the Bible and teach them to stay in it themselves.
- **SEMINARY** – ASEA has established a seminary, Arise Shine Christian Theological Seminary, (ACTS). We are working to bring it here to Cape Town. Chris is currently working to make the entire curriculum, up to a doctorate level, accessible electronically as well in its entirety since most everyone, even in the poorest areas, has a smart phone.

Our hope, aim, and prayer is to see South Africans changed by Jesus, then burdened to spread the Gospel, being fully equipped to go out and make other disciples, and plant new churches with God's leading.

We have faced many challenges in this field, and are sure to meet many more, but we are honored to witness and even be a part of the work of JESUS to unite such a broken and fragmented country. Please pray for these people that are being reached with the hope of the Gospel.



THANK YOU and God bless you!

*Love, Chris, Tré,
Lydia, Job & Timothy Kitson*

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