

# THE HICKS FAMILY

**Church Planting Initiatives** 

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## Dear Friends and Family

Thank you for your support and prayer for us in the ministry with HBC-CPI. As of October 2023, I have started my own carpentry company. We have been praying about this for some time now a feel that this is the direction the Lord is leading. This has created more flexible hours for me since I can now make my own schedule and it gives me the ability to devote more time to ministry.

Vacation Bible School: We had a wonderful opportunity to go down to the ark encounter for VBS training in January. This is "The Great Jungle Journey" showcase put on by Answers in Genesis. We are grateful to have received the training we needed, to be equipped with the skills and knowledge of how to direct a smooth and effective vacation bible school. Our goal with VBS is to give biblical answers to kids who may have questions like: Did God really create everything? Why do bad things happen? Do I really need to be saved? The great jungle journey goes through the 7 C's of history taking a journey from genesis to revelation. We believe that God can use VBS to reach the children of Sharon who would not normally come to church. We look forward to spreading the word about our VBS to the town of Sharon and the surrounding area.

**Patch Club:** We had a wonderful end of the year patch performance with the children singing "the incredible race" and "Jesus saves". This year had begun very well until sickness started going around which has resulted in a few weeks of cancelations now. As always, we appreciate your prayers for wisdom and guidance as we teach these young children about who God is and what He has done for us.

**Music Ministry:** This year I assembled an Easter cantata for our choir. We have been blessed with many musically inclined people in the church that enjoy using their gifts to serve the Lord.

**Other areas of ministry:** From planning meetings and outreach to building maintenance, there is no shortage of things to do in this ministry. Please continue to pray for us as we seek the Lords will in all we do.

In the service of the King

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