December

HOPE, JOY AND THE GIFT OF JESUS

DECEMBER BRINGS CAMPS, CHRISTMAS OUTREACH AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR REST AFTER A FULL YEAR OF MINISTRY. AS TEAMS TRAVEL AND CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS GATHER, WE THANK GOD FOR EVERY OPEN DOOR TO SHARE JESUS. MAY WE PRAY FOR SAFETY, TRANSFORMED LIVES AND RENEWED STRENGTH, AND CELEBRATE THE HOPE WE HAVE IN CHRIST THIS CHRISTMAS.



"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."

— John 1:14

Tuesday, 1 | Pray for the Qwa Qwa youth camp taking place from 1–4 December at a campsite in Golden Gate National Park. Ask God for safe travel, His blessing on every young person attending, and deep growth in their spiritual lives.
Wednesday, 2 | Pray for the children who attended KZN's Kids Summer Camp. May the friendships, Bible teaching and experiences continue to help them grow in their relationship with God. Remember also the Qwa Qwa youth camp underway this week.
Thursday, 3 | Pray for the Western Cape staff year-end gathering today. Give thanks for their service during 2026 and ask God for unity, encouragement, rest and renewed strength. Pray also for the Qwa Qwa campers and leaders.
Friday, 4 | Pray for the start of the Eastern Cape Reawkn Teen Camp in Jeffreys Bay (4–7 December) and Gauteng's joint children's camp with Word of Life (4–6 December). Ask God for safe travel, attentive hearts and life-changing encounters with Jesus. Give thanks as the Qwa Qwa camp concludes today.
Saturday, 5 | Pray for Coral and the KZN leaders meeting for training ahead of their teen camp. Remember the Western Cape Run the Common to Raise a Camper fundraiser today: ask for generous supporters so that financial barriers do not prevent young people from attending camp.
Sunday, 6 | As Gauteng's joint camp with Word of Life concludes, pray that every child will carry home a deeper understanding of Jesus' love. Remember the leaders and volunteers who have served, and ask God to sustain the Eastern Cape Reawkn Teen Camp.
Monday, 7 | Pray for the final day of the Eastern Cape Reawkn Teen Camp. Ask that friendships, conversations and Bible teaching bear lasting fruit. Pray also for safe journeys home and opportunities for ongoing discipleship.
Tuesday, 8 | Give thanks for the Western Cape leaders equipped through the October Leadership Camp and TYLT graduation. Pray that these young people will serve faithfully in their churches, schools and communities throughout the summer.

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Wednesday, 9 | Pray for the Western Cape Teen Camp taking place from 9–13 December. Ask for protection, meaningful encounters with Jesus, open hearts and lasting spiritual growth among campers and leaders.

Thursday, 10 | Pray for the Eastern Cape Youth Expo at St Hugh's Anglican Church (10–12 December), facilitated by Jabu. Ask God to guide each conversation and give the team wisdom and energy to connect young people with the Gospel.

Friday, 11 | Pray for today's first Christmas Experience in Verulam, led by Peter, Jayce and KZN Mission Partners. Ask that children will hear and understand the message of Christmas, and that relationships with families and churches will deepen.

Saturday, 12 | As the Eastern Cape Youth Expo concludes, give thanks for each young person reached. Pray for the Western Cape Teen Camp as it continues, asking God to strengthen leaders and help teenagers respond to His Word.

Sunday, 13 | Pray for the SU Sunday hosted by Miletus Hope in KZN today. May the gathering inspire Christians to pray, serve and support children's and youth ministry. Pray also for the final day of the Western Cape Teen Camp and safe travel home.

Monday, 14 | Pray for the start of KZN's South Coast Christmas Experience (14–21 December), as Peter and Yolande travel to share the message of Christmas with children. Remember the Eastern Cape Summer Special Kids Camp (14–17 December) and Western Cape Mini Camp (14–18 December): ask for safety, joy and spiritual growth.

Tuesday, 15 | Celebrate the birthdays of Yolande van Niekerk and Keenan Farquhar today. Give thanks for their lives and pray for joy, strength and blessing in the year ahead. Pray especially for Yolande as she serves during the South Coast Christmas Experience, and for all children attending the camps this week.

Wednesday, 16 | Wish Jordan Benson a blessed birthday today; pray for peace, joy and God's guidance in the coming year. Remember KZN staff and Mission Partners beginning their leave, that they may enjoy genuine rest and refreshment. Pray also for the camps underway.

Thursday, 17 | Pray for the final day of the Eastern Cape Summer Special Kids Camp. Ask God to use every lesson, friendship and conversation to draw children closer to Jesus, and grant safe travel home for campers and leaders.

Friday, 18 | As the Western Cape Mini Camp concludes, pray that each child leaves knowing they are loved by God. Give thanks for the leaders who have served and ask for renewed energy and safe journeys.

Monday, 19 | Pray for the Eastern Cape Amatola Beach Mission taking place across two venues during December and January. Ask God to guide Owen and his team, provide the resources they need and open opportunities to share the Gospel.

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Sunday, 20 | Pray for the ongoing KZN South Coast Christmas Experience. Ask God to give Peter and Yolande strength and safe travel, and that children and families will hear the good news of Jesus with open hearts.

Monday, 21 | As the South Coast Christmas Experience concludes today, give thanks for the children reached and the Mission Partners who served. Pray that the message of Christmas will continue to shape young lives.

Tuesday, 22 | Give thanks for God's faithfulness to SU's Glen Cairn Youth Camps throughout the year. Pray that everyone who visits the campsite will experience welcome, meaningful Christian community and opportunities to grow closer to Jesus.

Wednesday, 23 | Pray for God's provision for Glen Cairn Youth Camps: staffing, finances, maintenance and daily operations. Ask for wisdom, strong partnerships and protection for staff, volunteers, guests and visitors.

Thursday, 24 | Pray for the Stoney Ridge campsite team. Give thanks for their hard work and supportive teamwork. Ask God for safety, patience and wisdom amid break-ins, good weather for outdoor activities, and provision for maintenance needs, including solar panels.

Friday, 25 | On Christmas Day, give thanks for the birth of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Pray that children, young people, families and SU staff across South Africa will know His love, peace and hope, especially those facing loneliness or hardship.

Saturday, 26 | Give thanks for the publication of Closer to God 2027. Pray for effective distribution and that the devotional will reach new readers who need encouragement to spend time with God and His Word.

Sunday, 27 | Pray for the SU Bookshop team, giving thanks for their safety during a recent robbery. Ask God to protect staff in the busy retail environment and bless the conference-space partnerships at Rondebosch.

Monday, 28 | Pray for the new 30-day teen devotional planned for publication in January 2027. Remember also the isiXhosa and isiZulu editions of Alpha's Why Jesus? booklet, now translated and being prepared for publication. Ask God for accuracy, provision and fruitful distribution.

Tuesday, 29 | Pray for Gauteng as it prepares for its teen camp on 7–9 January. Ask God to provide committed leaders, open doors to more church supporters and Mission Partners, and consistent financial support through lasting donor relationships.

Wednesday, 30 | Pray for the Eastern Cape's continuing beach outreach and for Owen's team as ministry extends into January. Ask for safe travel, fruitful conversations and meaningful connections with local churches and young people.

Thursday, 31 | As 2026 draws to a close, thank God for His faithfulness to Scripture Union South Africa. Pray for refreshed staff and volunteers, wisdom for 2027 planning, provision for the campsites and renewed commitment to helping young people know and follow Jesus.