

# UPF Durban Prayer Outreach

*Feedback Report — 16–17 May 2026*

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**Mandate:** Cleanse the waters and awaken the workers from their slumber in seeking God as their true King.

## Provision and preparation

Two weeks before departure, there was no team in place. Through prayer, the Lord raised up four willing brothers, provided travel finances (including an unexpected donation specifically towards the travel fund), provided free accommodation at the flat of a Youth Pastor at Grace Family Church Riverside (Devon Buis), and blessed them with home-cooked meals. God's provision left no doubt that He had opened the way.

## On the ground

Saturday afternoon, after arriving and dropping their luggage at Devon's apartment, the team went to uMhlanga Beach. There Christiaan and Ernest prayed cleansing over the waters at the lighthouse pier and planted a few corn seeds as a symbol of God bringing new life and growth there, while Marnu and Eric-John were able to minister to about 13 people, including families. They invited some to church and prayed over many of them, reigniting faith and new hope in them to follow Christ more deeply. Out of this, a ministry was born, as one of the people they prayed for felt the Lord calling him to start a Youth Ministry – a calling he put off for many years, and finally committed to it. They then moved on to the Umgeni River — loosely translated as "place of spirits" — a location frequented by sangomas performing sacrifices that are believed to have brought curses and sickness over the city. While interceding, the team witnessed spiritual strongholds and altars being broken in Jesus' name, and physically saw these popping out of the water and drifting away down the river; God was cleansing the waters of Durban. Afterwards, they engaged locals who were sitting, drinking and smoking at the river in conversation and prayer, caring and showing love to them, which led to the one of the locals asking them to sing one song of worship together, which they did! How God has changed the atmosphere, and revival came to that place.

Sunday morning was spent in worship at the local church. Afterwards the team encouraged several of the church leaders, sharing some of the words that they received in preparation for the outreach, namely that God is ready and willing to move but that the Christians of Durban are not yet stepping into what He is making available — a word that was confirmed on the spot by one of the church leaders (Dan - who is leading youth outreaches) through a vision he had received. The team also shared that God is using the Holy Spirit working in the Christians to change Durban, so that people from other nations that come to Durban will see God's light shining there. Durban is ripe for revival.

Afterwards the team went to pray at the Blue Lagoon, specifically for the people of Durban to be awakened and against the racism in Durban. They ended off with a well-deserved lunch, before driving back to Pretoria.

## Closing and ongoing prayer

By God's grace the team completed the full mandate, and returned home safely late Sunday night carried by prayer cover. Technically the team would have needed 8+ hours to complete the mandate, yet by God's grace and covering in prayer, though there was a lot to do, the team supernaturally and miraculously managed to complete the mission in half that time. Glory to God! There were also testimonies of an instantaneous healing after prayer for a team member, powerful conversations, and a couple of salvations. Please pray for the host as he leads Kid's Ministry, for the church leaders who were encouraged, and for Durban to keep turning to Christ as her true King. God's heart is for Durban to be a city know as His.



*Christiaan and Ernest praying for God to cleanse the waters at the lighthouse*



*Ernest planting seeds to symbolise God bringing new life and growth*



*Marnu and Eric-John ministering to people on the pier*



*Praying at the Umgeni River*



*Visiting Grace Family Church Riverside where our host (Devon) is a Youth Pastor*



*Spending time with Devon after church  
Left to right: Devon, Christiaan, Ernest, Eric-John and Marnu*





*Praying against intermittent racism and for the people of Durban to be awakened at the Blue Lagoon*



*Eating a well-deserved lunch before heading home*