

Dear Family & Friends

TITUS 3:1 Be ready to do whatever is good

SCHOOLS

The new school year started in January and we were onto the running track - and we are still out on the track. We began with the `Life of Paul`. An inspiring account that is full of drama, conversion, friendships, escape, healings, beatings, imprisonments, journeys, shipwrecks, rescue, and 13 books in the bible, all written by the great Apostle Paul. We are awed anew as we study the life of this faithful missionary, his close walk with the Lord and his inspired teachings.

All SWYM workers are out taking the Gospel forward with renewed obedience and faithfulness. **Aunty Gladys** had to stop for a short time as she recovered from planned **surgery**. She is looking forward to being back in full running mode from next week with **Uncle Freddy** in the Sunnyside Schools.

The **Pak A Bag** project is on-going. Some folks are making the desired bags for us and we plan to hand these out at various times, in the schools. **Aunty Ronell** was most encouraged by how it all went in Hennenman. She had many delightful photos as a record of that first event.



SPORTSREACH

We had a team of 8 people from **UK SportsReach**, including Will & Sue Marsden, SportsReach Directors. **Tim Phillips** also took time out from his duties with APC's to help whilst we were in Clarens.

We spent a week in **Clarens** and the rest of the time in **Kempton Park**. The Team appreciated the **Tembisa Church Plant** opportunity, and Bible studies with Birchleigh Baptist Church young adults. Kempton Park local schools opened their doors also, so once again it was a full programme for them.

Each member of the team, including **James** who celebrated his 11th Birthday whilst with us, worked very hard indeed. Another member, **Ruth**, celebrated her 18th Birthday in active ministry. In Clarens, the team visited all the schools and had assemblies, classes and sports opportunities each day. They particularly appreciated the Clarens hospitality and time spent at **Tshepong** (place of hope) and the High School. They all enjoyed **servicing** meals to the children each afternoon; telling illustrated bible talks; singing; and face painting, and playing informal games with the children.

The **High School**, gave the most classes, all day and every day. **Will & Sooty** had many serious & searching questions from the Learners and we were just bowled over by the openness of the Learners and the Educators.



Strengthening Ministries Training Institute (SMTI)

Pre-February, we begun studies for the SMTI programme - Introduction to Biblical Counselling. This module throughout February was a highlight for us. We were amazed how quickly we could convert aspects of this bible teaching into personal, good practice. We are committed to the **two year programme** at Master's Degree level and as anticipated, it is academically demanding. So like in the past days of studies, we leave reading materials about or carry reading materials in the car - in case we find we have 5 minutes to spare in between other work!

Sunday school

In January, we also commenced helping at Lynnwood Baptist Church (**LBC**) with their Sunday School starting '**Peacemaker's Club**'. The material being used is -The Young Peacemaker by Corlette Sande. The Adults at LBC are studying 'The Peacemaker' - resolving conflict – and the Children are studying the junior version with us. This allows all the Sunday School teachers opportunity to attend the adult sessions. It is a **joy & privilege** to teach the children, but you know that before you teach you have to prepare!! So yes - we are either engaged in prayer, personal studying or preparing to teach.

Outreaches

In Clarens, Nick & I facilitated a '**Visually Speaking**' Seminar at Tshepong Centre. This was well attended and most enjoyable, as the delegates were enthusiastic participants!

When not at the schools, Nick & I facilitated a **Crafts Session**. Nick began with a Scripture message and Crafts followed. We demonstrated the **Art of Quilling** – and how to make a **Gift Box**. Once again, we found out that some of these ladies are just naturally gifted at making crafts. We also attended a crafts session run by another visitor to Tshepong the following day, where it was great to learn new crafts, which we shall also be teaching in the future.



Praise/Prayer items

Praise God for the following:

A great start with gospel opportunities in the Schools, Bible Clubs and Afrikaans Bible Correspondence Course Training Events & Seminars like the Visually Speaking Seminar and Crafts Sessions at Clarens
For SportsReach with SWYM, and their hard work in the gospel and on the sports field
The on-going Pak A Bag Project
The awe and attention from the Learners on the 'Life of Paul'
The Sunday School teaching opportunity at Lynnwood Baptist Church
New partnerships and new opportunities in 2013
Good health, strength, financial & travelling mercies

Pray for the following events in March/April

Another Clarens outreach and Prefects Leadership Training from 10th to 14th March
A Thursday Bible Club for the Children of Parents/individuals attending a course on 'Your Family God's Way' held at Lynnwood Baptist Church and facilitated by Dr Mack
Pray for conversions and spiritual growth amongst the Learners at the various schools
For conversions and spiritual growth of the Children on Sundays at 'Peacemakers Club'
Our on-going Biblical Counselling Studies in 2013
The planning for Short & Medium Term workers from late June

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