

Dear Family & Friends



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SWYM Prayer Letter 58

God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. -- Romans 5:8

Introduction

God loves us not because of who we are, but because of who He is. And whilst trials may visit us in our Christian walk, God is always with us. How very reassuring! One Sunday morning during our Quiet Time, last month, Sheila was praising God because she was feeling so well and free from Sciatic pains, when less than an hour later, the Sciatic pains decided to revisit Sheila’s right leg with unexpected speed and fierceness. “Ah well- I shall just have to limp my way through Sunday school and Church today” Sheila said. In brief, the pains remain on & off- mostly on still. **Do continue to pray for Sheila’s health.** It has been generally hot, with frequent power outages, in one part of South Africa or another. Not unusual at all, and we quickly adapt to these minor trials.

Antioch Baptist Church-Family Camp

Early March-We had a really delightful and blessed time at this Family Camp. Our role was to teach the Children when the Parents/Grown –ups were in their own bible teaching seminars. The children were actively engaged and interactive with learning several Bible Verses and the associated Bible teaching on Jonah, which the adults were also studying. The early morning prayer meetings were well organised, with encouraging numbers present at 07h.00. The Family fun evening had old and young participating. This tested our acting abilities and knowledge of the more obscure passages of Scripture from the Old Testament.



Competitive games time



Mary Jones dress up



Listening intently to Bible lesson



Energy lifting games



Mary Jones & her Bible DVD – “Small Screen”

The Children were very interested in the missionary story of Mary Jones and her Bible. One girl had read the book and was looking forward to hearing the story told, participate in dressing up in some of the Mary Jones outfit, viewing Welsh writing and artefacts AND seeing the DVD. During the break time, Nick had set up and checked the DVD in readiness for the children. To all our disappointment, the **bulb in our data projector blew** just as the children were about to be go into the prepared room for viewing. Nick quickly made a plan and we used our **small lap top** to show the Mary Jones DVD. To our amazement, the children were all attentive as they sat around the small screen.

SWYM Schools’ Ministry

We continue with the schools but only for Special Assemblies. Good contact is maintained with the teachers responsible for booking the local Primary School Assemblies and items for prayer are often texted to us. A Pre-School has been enlisting our help for Assemblies more regularly this term and some of their **children are keen** to attend our *Holiday Bible Club*. **Sheila has agreed** to work with the Pre- Schoolers, should they attend HBC

Writing Ministry

We are pleased to report that ***Understanding the Heart Manuscript*** has been completed. The Manuscript is now with the Publishers. Whilst speaking of Manuscripts, we are still trying to find a Publisher for *Whose Truth? God’s Truth!* - based on the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith. **Please pray that both these books might be published and be of great spiritual help to young people.**



Future Outreaches – Pretoria & Clarens

We are planning for **HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB** at **Lynnwood Baptist Church** on the **30th and 31st March** and a *Training Seminar in April* too. Do **pray for these events**, that God will raise up disciples and workers for Him in South Africa.

We are scheduled in **April**, for another two weeks, in **Clarens**. We are looking forward to working each day with their lively young people at Tshepong, and to do some **Visually Speaking Training for Adults**, as requested by the **Organisers** in Clarens. Susanna Clarke, Missionary from Carmarthen Church, Wales, hopes to visit us in Clarens and to look at the good practices at Tshepong Community Centre. She currently works in Schools and with Orphans & Needy Children, in Nseleni.

SMTI at LBC- These studies remain a highlight for us and for a good number of other participants. However, it cannot remain at attendance level only, for this time we are committed to doing some disciplined reading of several books and writing assignments on these books, for each module. We are definitely *“noses to the grind stone”* and are meshed together even more in our daily ministry and through our Biblical Studies and Writing. We **praise God** we have such a joy and privilege of working together.

Pak- A- Bags Project- More about that in our next newsletter- busy putting goodies into bags!

Praise/Prayer items

Praise God for the following:

That Nick got some more writing completed
For a blessed time at Family Camp with the children
For a data projector that lasted 11 years in ministry use
Health & Strength sufficient for the tasks
Joy in working & serving; and growing in the faith together



Pray for the following:

That the **two** Manuscripts might be accepted for publication
For godly wisdom as we consider another book to write for children, read books & write assignments
That **SPLASH** – Holiday Bible Club, 30 & 31st March at Lynnwood Baptist Church, will be a blessing to all
For April’s Visually Speaking Training Seminars and our
SWYM AGM on 28th April, Visit to Clarens and our local School Assemblies in April/May

Thank you for your **on - going prayers** and support of SWYM. We truly covet the prayers of God’s people, everywhere. Be encouraged- for God is at work in South Africa.

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