

Dear Family & Friends



Psalm 138:1- I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart....



MINISTRY IN CLARENS & DURBAN

The Psalmist says - There is joy in His presence. We want to testify, there is also an abundance of joy in doing His will. Where shall I begin? We travelled to **Clarens**, with me (Sheila), suffering with pains down my right leg, (Sciatica), and in the right side of my face & jaw. We wrote to many of you asking for prayers, (not to any of our hosts), as we had **two weeks** of outreach booked in **Clarens & Durban**. Upon arrival in Clarens, and within 20 seconds of me alighting from our vehicle, our host directed me *“You go and lie down on the bed and I will come and see to you.”* I thought that Nick had whispered something to her, but he confessed that he had said *nothing* to her! How thankful I was for **Dr. Anneke Kritzinger’s** care & attention, but more was to follow. She gave me an injection almost immediately for the pain and arranged with the other Clarens Organisers from the N G Kerk, for me to see her own GP, where further injections and oral medications were prescribed. Also, all our main meals were brought to us each day by members of the congregation.

I did no physical work that week with Nick, but he & Joseph fulfilled the planned programme. They had half hour of **Assemblies each day** of the week at Clarens Combined School, and forged an amicable relationship with the **new Principal** below. Nick & Joseph also visited other Clarens schools, and worked with Tshepong Centre, and 3 of the local Churches. For myself, I cannot express enough my experience of relief, thankfulness and blessed assurance from God Almighty, for His care of me, (& Nick too), through His own people in Clarens, and later in Durban. To enable me to travel to Durban from Clarens, a final intra muscular injection was administered to me by Dr. Anneke; and the journey to Durban was made fruitful with *much prayers & thanksgiving* along the way.

CLARENS PICTURES



A Fully Loaded Vehicle at Work



New Principal at Combined School



Dr & Prof. Kritzinger

Arrival in Durban: We were warmly greeted by our hosts, Pastor Ian Thomas & his wife, Bobby Thomas, from Grace Chapel. Nick & I had a plan by then that I could help Nick with the **Visually Speaking Training Seminar** and the **Holiday Bible Club** by me teaching more sitting, rather than standing, (being very small in height, I generally stand to teach). Here, a healthy diet & homeopathic medication was emphasized. We drank blended green herbs & fruits each morning, with our protein breakfasts, followed by healthy meals and lots of water! You needed it too, for the sun was very hot! Nick also helped Pastor Thomas by preaching twice on the Sunday.

What about the Holiday Bible Club? - “Unforgettable” I say! We had a number of children arriving at the church, earlier and earlier each morning. All full of anticipation and eager to help carry bags, etc.

At the end of Club, there were cries of *“must we go now - can we come again tomorrow?”* It was sheer delight to have the children asking about their favourite games but our greatest delight & blessing was in them wanting to know what the Bible Stories would be about the next day.

The kids **learnt** their Bible verses, sang the theme songs, enjoyed the crafts & games, were serious in the competitions, drank litres of water & juices, ate trays full of biscuits each day and expressed their gratitude & thankfulness as only children can! Uninhibited in their love, joy & thanks!

Grace Chapel had gone all out with their colourful advertisements and involvement for the events. Parents & children responded enthusiastically. Whilst in Durban, our Hosts had another guest staying with them. Ernst was recuperating from a double hip operation, *he not only taught us a lot more* about African **medicinal herbs and plants**, but he **made** us a portable **folding easel** -- with future plans for constructing a portable **board** for us.

Nick and Sheila Court – Serving the LORD in South Africa – 11 Years – By God's Grace

Before we departed Durban, Bobby Thomas took Nick & I through several kinds of useful homeopathic tablets & drinks, which she then very kindly gifted to us. Yes, I suffered pain & discomfort – which I am still suffering – but the love from the children, the wisdom, care & attention from our Hosts in both Clarens & Durban far outweighed the discomforts. **Blessed be the name of our Lord**

DURBAN PICTURES



Thirsty Work!



Mrs Thomas speaking



Parents/Carers listening in too



Team Games



& Serious Team Competitions

Praise/Prayer items

Praise God for the following:

SWYM - **Whose Truth? God's Truth**, Doctrine for Children & Young People - Email us for your copy

For God's care & attention to Sheila, (& Nick too), through His own people in Clarens & Durban

For a blessed, unmeasured time of ministry and pure joy in doing God's Will, together

For the support of the Elders, Deacons and Congregation at Lynnwood Church, Pretoria, and in the UK

Pray for the following:

Pray for **Anita Dekker** as she manages the SWYM Correspondence Books Ministry

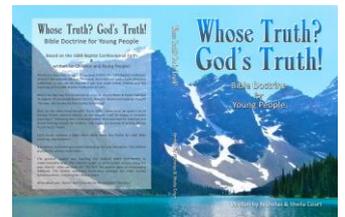
That the PAK- A- BAGS & BIBLES will go to the right Schools/Learners

That our book - **Whose Truth? God's Truth!** may be a useful tool to Christians

For wisdom, diligence & time for Biblical Counselling Studies & Writing Ministry

Finally, we can never thank you enough for your prayers, emails, phone calls,

text messages/sms and your practical & financial support of us over these precious 11 years!



Friends & Family - Clearly, you can be encouraged - for God is at work in South Africa

With our love, prayers & joyful thanks

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