



Dear Family & Friends



1 John 4:10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.



INTRODUCTION

Little Prayer be on your way, bless our family & friends on Christmas Day... and throughout the coming days...
You are in our thoughts & prayers, especially as we **were** booked to be in the UK this December, but because of Sheila’s spinal surgery, we are “grounded” for the time being. We accept that God’s plans for us are the best and **we are thankful**. It seems like the Insurers are paying up the hospital bills, and for that we are also thankful. Sheila’s six week follow up hospital visit on the 23rd November was pleasant, and the **Professionals were pleased** with her progress. The X- Ray was also proof of her Surgery’s progress. In fact, despite Sheila’s restricted right foot movements & walking, we have rather a lot to be rejoicing about. **Thank you** to our friends in South Africa and to family & friends **across the seas**. We appreciate your on-going prayers and practical support of us, in the mission field. We **praise God** for each one of you!
Sheila’s niece, **Carrie**, is booked to visit us from 28th December for 3 weeks, and Sheila’s sister, **Pat**, is also due in February for two weeks. We know these are flights that they have chosen to make, in support of Sheila and myself. What a blessing!.

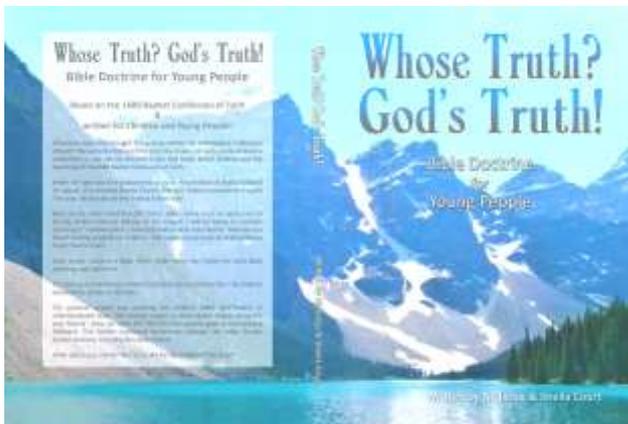
DISTRIBUTION OF SWYM RESOURCES

Meanwhile, and in between looking after Sheila, I, (Nick), have been busy going through our large collection of teaching resources, games, equipment, house hold goods etc. and deciding to which like-minded individuals, churches and mission organisations to distribute SWYM goods. **Freddie & his wife** Lydia made a trip in their bus to our place in Kempton Park and they took away a load of “goodies” & **Adullam Mission** also did likewise. Do **pray** that God will send them **more workers** for teaching at their Academy, Rural Schools, Farm/Gardens & more!

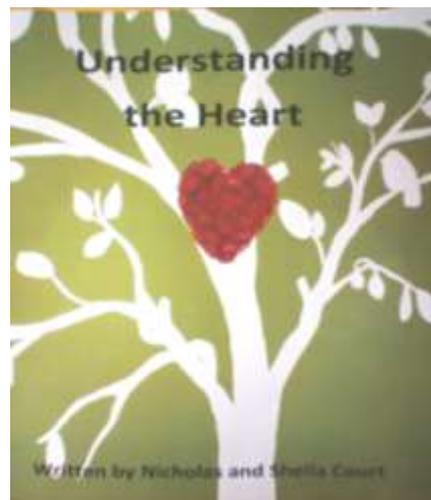
WRITING MINISTRY

We now have our second book **UNDERSTANDING the HEART** printed for distribution, following permission from Dr. Tedd Tripp, as our book is based on his two books, *Shepherding a Child’s Heart* and *Instructing a Child’s Heart*.

We are also putting together the first 5 books of our Bible Correspondence Book Series as one manual, in commemoration of **SWYM 10th Anniversary**.



First Book



Second Book

BIBLICAL COUNSELLING AT LYNNWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

We have finished lectures for this year with Dr. Wayne Mack, and I am writing a BIG assignment on **Christian Life Issues**. Sheila is out of the “assignment race” at present, which she regrets, but she hopes to catch up when she is in better health.

SWYM BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE REPORT BY ANITA DEKKER

SWYM CORRESPONDENCE COURSE: PRISON MINISTRY 2015

Being involved with the SWYM correspondence course ministry in 2015 was yet again a very humbling and blessed experience.

Although we were really challenged by the Post Office strikes during the year there was a stable and slow growing influx of letters on a regular basis.

We also added the booklet "What to do to be saved" to the list of course material.

We started this year with 61 active correspondents and "by word of mouth" 70 new students started working through the course since January 2015. Over 130 students receive books on a regular basis.

In 2015, we also had our very first student that completed the whole course of SWYM material. Thanks to the availability of one of Nick Taylor's daily bible study booklets I could bless this prisoner with a last gift for spiritual growth.

It is still primarily a prison ministry and the main prisons that receive correspondence are: Mangaung, Douglas, Tswelopele, Stanger, Boksburg and De Aar.

The course brings knowledge to young and old – from age 23 years to men in their late fifties...

The current translating process of the course into Afrikaans is going very slow. I am the only one busy with translation and my time during 2015 was very limited – please pray that more people will be willing to help translating in the New Year.

Testimonials:

"... I saw the course at one of my brothers and I got interested in joining it as it inspired me a lot and I want to grow in my Christianity..."

"I am currently serving a term of five years and am doing your correspondence course ... I would appreciate it if you could post this course to my boys age 16 and 8 as this course is really inspiring and I want them also to benefit..."

"this is my last year in prison and myself will never ever think again of committing fraud in my life ... In Oct I will be back with my wife and children and would like to continue with your Bible studies"



Anita Dekker

Praise/Prayer items

Praise God for the following:

For the prayerful & practical support of our local Church family, SWYM Trustees, & Friends in Clarens
That the hospital team were quite pleased with Sheila's progress and she had peace & contentment, on her BIG day out, after being at home all that time

For the distribution of Bibles, Pak-A- Bags and other Resources

For the second book- Understanding the Heart, which was first piloted at Tshepong in Clarens and at Lynnwood Baptist Church, Sunday School

Thank God for the GROWTH in that particular ministry, within the Prisons

Pray for the following:

That the RESOURCES given out will be put to good use, bringing Eternal Life to many in South Africa

That Anita will be blessed in her commitment to the Bible Correspondence Books/Prison Ministry

That Sheila will continue to make improvements and that her right foot might regain full movement

That Sheila & I will have godly wisdom for what we do in 2016

Friends & Family – We continue to covet your prayers and encouragements – Be encouraged for God is at work in our lives and in the lives of many people in South Africa

With our love, prayers & grateful thanks, Nick & Sheila

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