



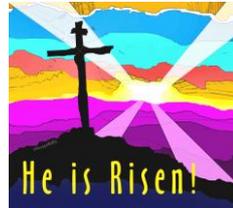
March 2016

SWYM Prayer Letter 66

Dear Family & Friends

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

... Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures



REFLECTIONS ON EASTER

To quote Dr Mack, who is an Author, Biblical Counsellor, and Elder at Lynnwood Baptist Church...*“Easter Sunday is a very special day for Christians – it is a very special day because it is a day when we celebrate the crowning event in the history of our redemption/salvation. In fact, it is a day when we celebrate an event without which there would be no Christianity. It is a day when we celebrate an event that is the cornerstone of Christianity. It is a day when we celebrate what is the foundation of the Gospel. Indeed, it is a day when we celebrate an event without which there would be no Gospel. It is a day when we celebrate an event that declares that death does not end the existence of anyone. It is a day when we celebrate an event that asserts that every human being who has ever lived will live forever... either in heaven or in hell, either in eternal life or in eternal death, either in everlasting suffering or everlasting joy. This is a day when we celebrate an event that dominates the preaching of the Gospel early in the book of Acts and runs all the way through the New Testament. This is a day that celebrates the essential truth of Christianity. This is a day in which we celebrate the goal of the life of Jesus Christ, the high point of his earthly life.”*

Sheila & I are looking forward to the Easter Celebrations with our Church Family & visitors at Lynnwood Baptist Church. Have a blessed Easter wherever you are in the world. Praise God – Jesus lives!

ARRIVAL, DEPARTURE AND VEHICLE CHALLENGES

Sheila’s sister, **Pat**, from the UK, arrived and departed in February. She stayed for two weeks and like her niece Carrie, Pat immediately went about being helpful to Sheila & me. Pat gave Sheila welcome, regular foot massages each day. Then suddenly, without warning, we were **all grounded!** Our vehicle went into the garage for what we thought would have been a *minor* repair. Instead, it unexpectedly stayed with the garage for over 10 days! We were all forced to do more walking. But more **trouble** was to follow after Pat left. One afternoon, we suddenly **broke down** on the road! Sheila was with me. Fortunately, we were fairly close to home, (Sheila could have just about walked it), and not too far away from the garage either. I phoned the garage – and the mechanics came out. They shook their heads, baffled. Sheila & I **began praying** that the vehicle problem which was hidden in darkness would be brought **out in the light**, to the mechanics. Imagine our cause for praise, when the next day, the mechanics said that they **knew** what the problem was and were able **to repair it** successfully! It was the immobiliser system. When the engine was initially taken out, and parts replaced by the mechanics, the immobiliser system acted as though the engine was “stolen,” and stopped the fuel pump from working effectively. Once this was sorted, the car was back on the road again! God showed us that He is Almighty God, in charge of all things, including our vehicle engine.



Busy with Pak-A-Bags from Chippenham & the Ladies from Caersalem Chapel

Pat leaving South Africa for the UK- via India

PAK A BAGS

Pat, Sheila & I had an enjoyable time of getting the bags ready for distribution. Thanks to Julia from Ladyfield Church in Chippenham, and the Ladies Group from Caersalem Chapel, in Wales. It is a privilege to give this added *extra* for kids, who are in much need. Thank you ladies! Pray that the tracts included in the bags will be read, and that many Learners will come to faith in the Lord Jesus.



SWYM RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Walking in Step with Jesus - an update & compilation of the first 5 books of our SWYM Bible Correspondence Book Series, into one manual is our latest book now in print;

Whose Truth? God’s Truth! - based on the 1689 Confession of Faith for Children & Young People; and

Understanding the Heart - based on Dr Tedd Tripp’s books *Shepherding a Child’s Heart* and *Instructing a Child’s Heart*.

SCHOOLS & SWYM BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE MINISTRY

Please continue to pray for **Leon & Freddy** as they regularly go into the local schools for Assemblies and Bible Clubs. In beautiful Clarens, **Joseph** faithfully serves his **own** community schools. **Pray** that many Learners will come to faith, as they hear the Gospel message each week.

The local postal strike ceased for a while **again**, and Anita received over 50 Correspondence letters in quick succession for attention and marking. Please pray for **Anita** and this important, on-going ministry.



UPDATE ON SHEILA

Thank you all so much for your encouraging communications and prayers for Sheila. She struck an unsteady patch, with bouts of dizziness, following a cold she picked up in late February. Unfortunately, the dizzy spells still bothers her but with the Lord’s help, she remains her usual, cheerful self. Praise be to God! Now Sheila is quite looking forward to seeing the Orthopaedic Surgeon for her next spinal X- ray and consultation on April 18th 2016.

PRAY that the Insurance Company will **PAY** up the outstanding hospital bills –some dating back to **October 2015**. And please join us in **praying** that the Lord will show us His perfect timing for **air travel**, (when medically allowed), to the UK, and for His perfect guidance, as we enter another **phase** of SWYM.

Praise/Prayer items

Praise God for the following:

For the more recent personal & supportive family visit from Pat, UK, following on from Carrie
For the provision & distribution of the Pak-A- Bags, and the accompanying goodies/resources
For the 3 SWYM Books written & available, as well as a **new** Bible Correspondence Book
For the Biblical Counselling Course teachings from Dr. Mack
For personal peace in the changing phases of our lives & ministry



Pray for the following:

That the Insurance Company will **pay up** all the **outstanding** hospital bills from October 2015 – they have had several promptings...from the hospital administrator. Sheila gets the invoice reminders-Not nice!
That God will clearly guide for the next phase of SWYM & also provide for air travel, *when Sheila is medically fit*
That Leon, Freddy, Joseph & Anita will each be blessed in their on-going ministries
That Sheila will continue to make improvements, and that her right foot might regain strength and the bouts of facial pains & dizziness will soon disappear...

Family & Friends – Thank you. We always covet your prayers for us. Be encouraged, for God is at work in South Africa and in our personal lives. Rejoice always!

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



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