



September 2016

SWYM Prayer Letter 69

Dear Family & Friends

♥ It has been granted to you....to suffer for Him. Philippians 1:29 ♥

### Introduction

The verse above reminds us that Christians learn many hard lessons through tears. May we never run from a difficult lesson or flinch from the rod of discipline. Instead, let us keep on turning troubles into triumphs! Since June, we have heard of the home calling of a family member in Trinidad & Tobago and friends in RSA & the UK. We will miss each one but we rejoice that dying is not the end for the Christian, but rather the beginning of a new, forever life with the Lord. The Bible says in *2 Corinthians 5:8 KJV...to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.*

### Boxes Books & Boots

All the shipping boxes arrived in the UK. I wish I could say “all safely,” but Nick needed to fix the A3 Printer. We were very happy once it was fully functional again. One or two other items were either damaged or broken. Unpacking all the book boxes remains a challenge, as we have to find strategic places to file and retrieve these books!

At least I was able to find my Biblical Counselling books, in order to *slowly start*, and then finally complete a Biblical Counselling Assignment. Similarly, I started with slow, short walks each day, and gradually increased the distances, in the hope of strengthening my weakened right foot and keeping healthy.

### Church & Family Visits

We delighted in meeting up with Nick’s family and my side of the family too. How time flies! It was great visiting our Church family & friends and being able to report on the Lord’s goodness to us. Nick did a lot more preaching on this occasion, and so spent more time on sermon preparations. But it was so uplifting to fellowship with the Ladies at Caersalem Chapel, their Pastor & his wife too. The Ladies made and donated beautiful bags & goodies for the children in South Africa. The local Churches’ strawberry teas were refreshing and these created wonderful re-unions & opportunities to speak of the Lord, the on-going work in South Africa, my spinal surgery and to pray for our friends in South Africa, including the medical & surgical tea at Pretoria East Hospital. We look forward to our return trip to South Africa on the 15<sup>th</sup> September to 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

*A few pictures below of Halcyon Days:-*



Hazel and gift of Pak-A-Bags from Caersalem Chapel



Atworth Chapel – “Coffee Stop” Outreach

## Kington Langley - Scarecrow Walk and Chapel Cream Tea



... & More Cream Tea!

### *Praise/Prayer items*

#### **Praise God for the following:**

For Sheila`s on-going recovery  
For halcyon days in the company of supportive churches, family & friends  
For our return trip to the RSA- 15<sup>th</sup> September to 20<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Pray for the following:**

That the flight back to RSA will be safe & straight forward, especially for Sheila  
That we will have good, reliable transport for the duration of our visit in RSA  
For godly wisdom as we plan a return trip for short term ministry in 2017  
That Sheila & I will know the Lord`s leadership and guidance for us & SWYM



**We thank you** for the on - going **prayers, material & financial support** of us over the 12 years! And we truly covet the prayers of God`s people, in this season of change for us. Be encouraged - for God is at work. Praise His Name!

**With our thanks, love & prayers**

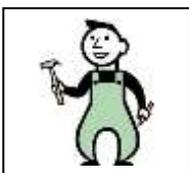
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