

Dear Family & Friends



1Chronicles 16:8 Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!



### Introduction ♥

This is a momentous occasion for us. It is our **final** letter to you as full time missionaries in South Africa. Tomorrow, we return to the UK, having served here for just over 12 years. The verse above expresses a fraction of that which we feel and think. Yes - the Lord has been good to us. He has been most gracious and kind to us through you. **How**, you might ask? You partnered in giving, accommodating, supporting, and praying. You partnered with encouraging words, gifts, phone calls and emails. Some of you even came out and worked alongside us.

We were most encouraged, and indeed **are** encouraged, and you can be encouraged too, for God is continuously at work in South Africa, indeed throughout the continent of Africa! **We thank you** for the years of ministry together, and bless His Holy Name.

### Our Concluding Weeks ♥

**Firstly** - we needed **accommodation**. This was provided by Ps. Irving Steggle.

**Secondly**, we needed **transport!** Rod & Bev Rowlands, (SWYM Trustees), kindly lent us their Toyota Hilux... and this for the duration of our concluding weeks as resident Missionaries.

Another **major** undertaking was decanting the SWYM Offices at the AB Kerk, (Church), in Kempton Park, which Nick undertook. Not an easy task, as teaching books, visual aids, camping equipment, etc. evoked sharp memories of past work. Some happy, sad, funny, and even scary memories, but we remarked again and again how **God** had **protected and cared** for us, and provided all that we needed. Having decanted the offices, this naturally led to **many meetings** with many people linked to our work in South Africa, including Busy Bee Farm School, Freddy, Leon, Anita, and so on... Boxes of resources were **handed over**, cups of tea, or coffee consumed, prayers said, hugs & good byes given.

We are **thankful** to the RSA SWYM Trustees, who remain **practically and prayerfully** supportive.



### Sheila's Hospital Visit ♥

My final X-Rays and check up with Dr Nel, Spinal Surgeon, was **positive**. He advised that I no longer need to wear the back brace, thank God! However, I must continue wearing the foot splint, and **wait and see** what the next year brings with regards to the nerve regeneration in the right foot. We were also very blessed to **catch a glimpse** of, and to greet, both Dr Gray and Dr Brand at Pretoria East Hospital. *Remember to pray* for such Christians in the workplace!



### Lynnwood Baptist Church Family ♥

Time sped past all too quickly, but we were so happy to fellowship at Lynnwood Baptist Church, and to say "Hi & Bye" to the adults and children alike. Yes - little Carol Marie immediately welcomed us, and on the last Sunday bade us farewell. Ah - **we shall miss** all the dear children and grown up's too. *Pray that the children will come to faith* whilst they are still young. Nick also managed to write several biblical counselling assignments!

### Clarens Visit ♥

Yes - we made it to Clarens. We return with **precious memories** of our friends there. They were very well organised, we attended our final debriefing & planning meeting with them, and then we ate together. We rejoice that God had united us for the sake of the Gospel in Clarens. Joseph continues to be the "Pastor" for the High School, and serves faithfully in his church and community. Nick was able to deliver some goodies, like the **Pak-A- Bags** to three Principals for their Schools. These bags were donated mostly by the Ladies Group from **Caersalem Chapel, Wales**. We were able to meet with Thomas & Sarah, the Managers of **Tshepong**, and to rejoice with them in the growth of the work and "their" young people. Nick passed on more goodies to them too.

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Durban Visit ♥

The drive there wore me out but the **warmth of welcome** refreshed my soul. The sea did us good too, as had the *beautiful mountains* of Clarens. Such beauty in God's wonderful creation!

Ian Thomas, Pastor of **Grace Chapel**, was called to glory in July, and Nick had opportunity to preach one Sunday. We spoke with his wife Bobby of the big gap Ian has left here below.

Pray as the Church call a Pastor in January 2017



Bible Correspondence Books ♥

Christa, SWYM Trustee, accommodated us for a meeting with Anita regarding this **on-going ministry**, which Anita is happy to administrate for SWYM. We left with ideas from Anita for a dedicated Post Office Box, and to make the books available on line for those who can access the internet. Please pray that Anita will soon have the Post Box, for the printing and writing of more correspondence books as needed; and that there will be continued **support for this ministry**. We have many encouraging stories of Prisoners, and of their children, using these books, and learning to walk in step with Jesus.

Next Phase & Changing Seasons ♥ ♥

We come to this **mile stone** occasion, knowing that God had it planned long ago! We can rest secure in Him. **So** what happens to Missionaries when they come off the mission field?

Why - **Christians continue** being "missionaries" right where God places them!



**When you remember us**, pray that we will remain faithful in service to the Lord... until He comes again, or calls us home.....

Praise/Prayer items

Praise God for the following:

For over 12 years of ministry with Children & Young People in Southern Africa ... and for all of you who made it possible

For the partnership of faithful RSA & UK Trustees, churches, friends & family

For the much needed RSA accommodation and transport to conclude our full time ministry

For Sheila's on-going recovery and for our emotional strength to say "farewell"



Pray for the following:

For godly wisdom as we plan a 3 months return trip for ministry in 2017

That Sheila & I will know the Lord's leadership and guidance for future ministry, and how much work we do in RSA in 2017

That, meanwhile, we will be faithful in serving the Lord in the next phase or season of our lives

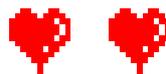
We say **farewell, thank you** and **sign off** with – "*Be encouraged - God is at work.*"

**And** let Scripture be our parting words to you.....

**2 Thessalonians 3:16... Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.**

*With our grateful thanks, love & prayers*

*Nick & Sheila*



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