



Dear Family & Friends,

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“The fear of the Lord - that is wisdom....” Job 28:28

SWYM Prayer Letter15

NEWS FLASH

Full time missionary, **Jenni Meyer** “dived” into SWYM on the **1st July**. Jenni is no stranger to working with Children & Young People! Whilst working with Petra College she contributed much and gained much from ministering within that missionary organisation to the youth. We are thrilled to have her input, experience and commitment and pray that SWYM will reach more people with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jenni drove up from Cape Town to Kempton Park and is busy settling into rooms at the local Afrikaans Baptist Seminarium. Do pray that soon she will **establish a growing Schools Ministry**, in Kempton Park & Tembisa. Feel free to join Jenni & ourselves for short or long term missionary opportunities. You will be so blessed from the experience.

SWYM training sessions at CPBC took place on the 21st June and everyone who had booked attended the training. Freddy attended again and we were glad that he made the long journey to participate.

On the **19 & 20th June**, we drove up to **Gaborone, Botswana**. We were warmly received by our friends at City Baptist Church. About 15 people attended the SWYM training session, including a “stranger”. The “church” is located right in the middle of a busy shopping centre. The “stranger” saw us taking in the board & easel etc and decided to find out what was happening in the church (a top floor shop space). He later said to Pastor Irving and the Pastor that he loved the Lord. We who were teaching thought that he was one of the regular members of the congregation for he participated fully in all the training.

Praise God that the **Skogheim Conference Bible Club** went off so well. This took place from the 27th June to the 2nd July. Yes, today is the 3rd July! We got back late last night, tired but blessed. The whole conference was such a delight and the children & young people often “surprised” us by learning and remembering the Scripture verses so quickly! Let me introduce **Miss Anica & Miss Colette** as they were called by the young people. Both are only 13 years old and yet they were an important part of our team. In fact, both of them have helped us run the Skogheim Youth Programme for the last two years. This year they came to Nick & me saying that they will like to do a lot more than “just giving out the sweets”. What **a privilege** to discuss the programme with them, coach them to teach the Scripture verses to the different age groups, keep the score charts, lead in some of the games and singing and to keep watchful eyes on the very young ones.

We had about **30 young people** each session and we would all become so engrossed in the club activities that Nick would have to remind us our time had gone. The short break in between sessions barely gave us time to have a hot drink and return again to the “Club Room” to get ready for the second session of the day. We taught on **Moses the Deliverer** and gave a lesson each session. I was recapping the story one session before commencing the second lesson one morning when one of the 5 years old shouted “You told us that already ... oh I see, you want us to remember.....” Then he settled down to listen. He was quick to grasp the application of the story!

We had hoped to share travelling costs by going with another family but that did not work out so we travelled down to Skogheim by ourselves. The **petrol costs and the tolls** have gone up quite a lot and that did put some people off travelling. The Lord blessed us with an **unexpected gift** from a thankful parent which promptly went towards the petrol on the way back.

We are busy right now planning **Jenni`s orientation programme** and organising meetings with her. We do not have much time because Nick & I are away on a holiday from Monday 7th July to Vancouver. Jenni will house sit for us whilst we are away. At the same time, she will be working on her own programme and achievement of short term ministry goals. This does include the development of a SWYM Resource Centre, in the next wing of Jenni`s present accommodation at the Seminarium. We do need our own **resources ASAP**. Do pray with us about getting those quickly.

Nick & I and Pastor Irving are attending my niece`s wedding in Vancouver. Diandra is a High School teacher and she is marrying Chris, the Youth Pastor from her church. What a privilege and joy it will be for us to witness their impending marriage.

Items for Praise:

- For Jenni Meyer, another full time missionary at SWYM
- That the Training Sessions at CPBC and in Botswana took place
- That Skogheim Conference Bible Club was such a joy & blessing
- For young Anica & Collette`s able help at Skogheim
- For travelling mercies to & from Skogheim
- That our health & energy remained tops with the young people at Skogheim
- For the joy of ministry blessings
- Good health and daily protection

Items for Prayer:

- That the seeds sown at Skogheim will bear fruit in the lives of the young people
- That Jenni will get ministry opportunities at the local schools ,without delay
- That we & Jenni will have good, safe reliable vehicles and all the necessary IT equipment
- That petrol monies will come in for Jenni`s SWYM travel costs
- Do pray for Alishea & Ronel, Bev & Wilna as they continue with the schools ministry
- That we will soon be able to include Freddy in the School Assembly Programme
- That we will be financially able to set up the SWYM Resource Centre, with the right materials
- For the countries of South Africa & Zimbabwe
- For more **prayer** supporters & **SWYM** workers, short term or long term

Let us praise God for sending Jenni to SWYM and for greatly encouraging us in ministry. We thank you for praying and we want to encourage you to continue to pray for the work of SWYM. The Lord surely hears and answers our prayers. Praise His holy name.

With our love & prayers

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