

*Nick and Sheila Court – Serving the LORD in South Africa*



Dear Friends,

May 2006

SWYM Prayer letter 3

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

Greetings from Kempton Park, South Africa. We are Pastor Irving Steggles' most immediate neighbour because we live in the garden flat which is beside his house on the same plot. Only God could have planned our living arrangements that way.

We flew out to the UK for deputation work on the 13<sup>th</sup> March and returned to South Africa on the 12<sup>th</sup> May. The trip was extended due to circumstances beyond our control. On the day we were meant to fly out, at the beginning of May, Sheila was in hospital. She was admitted with chest pains and after emergency treatments and tests; she was later diagnosed as suffering from viral pleurisy. God's timing is marvellous because Sheila's sudden illness came at the end of all our formal appointments.

Sheila and I are thankful to all the 15 churches and 4 schools for receiving us and putting us at ease so quickly, surely a testimony to God's people in the UK! We were particularly thankful for such warmth of welcome as it was our first experience of public speaking in the churches with regards to Step Wise Youth Ministry. We did 28 presentations not only in the churches and schools but youth groups, women's groups and in individual and family homes.

Upon our return to South Africa, Nick resumed with Church life and School Assemblies. Sheila rested the first week before joining Nick in the ministry. Bajabuile School in Mamelodi was particularly pleased to welcome Nick for their assembly. The Principal had brought forward a meeting to fit in with Nick's assembly because he wanted Nick to have a longer time to address the pupils and staff and to especially pray for their lives and safety. The reason - 3 young girls in Mamelodi were brutally assaulted and knifed to death recently. In the face of such serious matters, Sheila was surprised and encouraged that they wanted to pray for her good health also.

Our diaries are being filled up for June and July with Training Sessions, a Youth Rally and a 5 days Holiday Bible Club.

To help us in our ministry, we are thankful to the churches and individuals for enabling us to obtain over 30 Bibles (more to come when needed), an A3 colour printer, footballs and 3 boxes of skipping ropes, books, posters and other useful resources sent out from the UK which arrived safely. We now have a personal gift of a mini cooker, i.e. with two hot plates and oven.

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**Items for Praise:**

For all of the bountiful supply of resources  
For a truly blessed time during deputation work with increased prayer support from individuals and churches

The welcome back into our regular school assemblies

For safe personal and travelling mercies everyday

For the successful registration of SWYM as a Section 21, Non Profit Organisation in South Africa, (equivalent to a UK charity)

**Items for Prayer:**

That many young people would be saved and grow in the faith through **hearing** and **studying** the Bible

The forthcoming training sessions, youth rally and Holiday Bible Club

June camp for the Tembisa young people

For opportunities to conduct discipleship courses with the right young people

That God would use our regular school assemblies to save learners

For safe personal and travelling mercies everyday

In conclusion, let us thank God together for His many blessings. We look and see the bountiful resources you have provided and our hearts swell with praise to Jehovah Jireh. We are thankful to you for your support and thank God for you and your prayers. We continue to continue your prayers to meet the challenges and encouragements of Step Wise Youth Ministry

*In His Service*

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