



Dear Family & Friends

When we were on **deputation** in the UK, some of you suggested that we insert a map in our prayer letters so you can get an idea of places & distances. Nick & I were delighted to take your comments plus the warm reception and gifts received from the many UK churches. Thank you for your interest & prayers for SWYM.

Leon Harmse, from Birchleigh Baptist Church, joined us in May as a full time SWYM worker. Leon spent time shadowing Nick & I in the local schools. More recently, he passed his driving test and has begun taking a few assemblies. He has plans for getting into a few new schools and you can help by praying that this will happen when the new term starts on the 20th July.

Constantia Park Baptist Church (CPBC) Missions Week - 28th to 31st May

The theme was “Not Beyond Our Reach”. So, on the Saturday when SWYM facilitated a workshop entitled “Children For Missions”, we made the setting for air travelling, with South African Airways uniforms, captain hats, passport control, check points etc. This work was not done by us! It was skilfully done by **Stephanie** & some of the young people and **Megan** & her husband from CPBC. Our **theme song** for the workshop was **written** by Gayle Staegemann with **music composed** by Charmaine.

Dorothea Children - with some help from the Notas and Dolly Banda - attended and did a grand ministry in songs, drama, story telling and a Dorothea Mission presentation.

Two young people from **Bethany Baptist Sunday School** also took part. **Charissa Holdt** was interviewed about her personal faith in the Lord Jesus and **Spendo** did a power point presentation on the outreach he & Joshua Holdt had attended in Mashushu. Stephanie presented on behalf of the CPBC Sunday School on their involvement & contact with missionary kids. We ran presentations of **Harvey & Jasmine** in Romania, being aged 6 & 9 then, as well as **Georgie & Jasmine's** Christmas 2008 production by EEC children for children in South Africa.

Some of the bible teaching was done through a missionary story on **Mary Jones (MJ) and her Bible** and what a treat that was! We had associated MJ Welsh music & songs, books, dolls, and a typical Welsh outfit donated from Wales and nicely worn by CPBC Inge-Marie. The children enjoyed and learnt from the occasion and how **thankful** we were to everyone for their **contribution** to this workshop, from both home & abroad!

Clarens Outreach 2nd - 6th June

We conducted **non-residential Prefects Leadership Training** for two farm schools. We took the opportunity to work with these two schools only, conducting assemblies getting to know the Principals & staff and planning future ministry with them. The High School had a **new Principal** and we had a fruitful meeting with him. He asked that **Joseph** must come into his school to conduct regular (07.00 a.m.) assemblies commencing 20th July – start of new term! We were deeply encouraged

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by this invitation and **you can pray** that Joseph will conduct clear gospel assemblies, with appropriate application to teenagers and at a high standard. We know that just as God used Gideon, a farmer, as a mighty warrior, so to God can use Joseph, a gardener, to teach His word to lost souls. The **local police** postponed their Team building Workshop to a later date but we met with them and were introduced to a new Inspector. Plans are in place to do some **joint schools** visits in August.

We once again spent **training** time with **Kgubetswana Uniting Reformed Church** members, namely Toba, Joseph, Alina and Rebecca. They were **keen** to do SWYM Correspondence Course Book 6! **Toba** has started to do some preaching in his church. **Joseph** continues faithfully with his farm workers Thursday Bible Studies which come to a seasonal end soon. He is also doing some **preaching** in his church. What **opportunities** have opened up for these **two men**! Do pray that they will be faithful to God's word.

Hennenman Outreach 13th - 16th June

It was with joy & thankfulness that we travelled to Hennenman, with Pastor Irving, to launch the Birchleigh Baptist **Church Plant** at Hennenman and to support the **SWYM** ministry there. Ronell continues to conduct school assemblies at the rural farm school. She has developed an easy going & supportive relationship with the learners and the only teacher at the school.

We stayed with the O'Donovan family. **Malvin** O'Donovan led at the inauguration service and Pastor Irving preached at both Sunday services. **Ronell & Charl** O'Donovan taught the two Sunday School classes and **Louise** did the crafts. Charl was recently voted onto a School Governing Board (GB). **Pray for them**, the brethren need a building in which to hold church services and pray that they will be a great Christian influence in Hennenman.

SWYM Correspondence Course Books

Will you **pray** that sponsors might delight in supporting this ministry? Pray too that Gayle will be inspired as she writes further books. We have Book 6 in use now. The first 100 books of Book 1 came from **the publishers** and all 100 books went out that week. **Dr Gray**, SWYM Trustee, has a ministry with his medical colleagues of giving out Bibles to hospital workers and he took the first 100 books to distribute with the Bibles. With a donation of Rand from a Ladyfield church member, Chippenham, we placed an order for a further 1000 books of Book1. Thank you so much.

Future Events to pray for:

Ladies Tea CPBC - 20th June - Sheila will be the MC again and pray that it will be a God honouring event

Skogheim Conference Friday 26th June to 1st July - SWYM teaching at the **Children's Ministry** Programme at Skogheim

Bethany Baptist Church - SWYM teaching at the Holiday Bible Club (**HBC**) from 6th to 10th July

Items for Praise:

- That Leon Harmse has joined as a full time SWYM worker from the 1st May
- The CPBC Children for Missions workshop proved a delightful opportunity for joint working & teaching
- That the Clarens outreach brought new contacts with the farm schools and assembly opportunities for Joseph at the High School
- The Birchleigh Church plant at Hennenman was officially launched with a number of attendees already
- For the Skogheim & Bethany Baptist Church HBC opportunities
- That Gayle has compiled & printed SWYM Correspondence Course Book 6
- That SWYM has been able to give further orders for printing of course books

Items for Prayer:

- That Leon will get openings into new schools and he will receive ministry funding
- That Joseph will be helped to prepare & present sound teaching at the assemblies
- That *all* the SWYM Correspondence Course Books printing will be financed
- That Gayle, Charmaine, Freddy, Carol, Gladys, Alishea, Wilna & Ronell will be blessed through the assemblies, writing and music ministry
- A SWYM Resource Centre will be funded & established with additional helpers
- That Bethany Baptist & Clarens Sunday Schools will continue to flourish numerically & spiritually
- That the Church Plant & SWYM ministry will blossom in Hennenman
- For more **prayer** supporters & **SWYM** workers, short term or long term
- That Nick & I will have good health & boundless energy for Skogheim & Bethany HBC in June/July

We do sincerely covet your prayers for the work of SWYM. The ministry is growing, be encouraged - God is at work!

With our love & prayers

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