



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

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SWYM Prayer Letter 22

Dear Family & Friends

**BUSY BEE PRIMARY SCHOOL- 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June**

A brilliant and **unexpected** opportunity presented itself at Busy Bee for Leon, Nick & I to run a **Bible Club** with all the children at this farm school. The bible teaching was on the book of Judges and the learners were attentive to the teaching. The Principal was delighted at our suggestion for a Bible Club and allowed us to use the main hall each day. Many of the teachers were present during the Club and the learners were really pleased when the Principal joined in one of the competitions, even winning some much needed points for the boys' team. We have so many opportunities for the Gospel at this school for which we **praise** God for His grace & favour.

**SKOGHEIM CONFERENCE - 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE to 1<sup>st</sup> JULY (School Holidays)**

Following the Bible Club at Busy Bee School, Nick & I packed our teaching materials and games equipment etc and began our journey to Skogheim, staying overnight with Rod & Bev Rowlands, missionaries at United Bible Institute, in Pietermaritzburg. Our arrival was made much later because we had to take a detour because the Van Reenen Pass was **closed because of snow**, high winds and 3 overturned Lorries. A kind gentleman at our rest stop showed us a way to go which meant taking a **dirt road** for 19.5 kilometres before joining the tar roads. When we got near to Rod & Bev, we took a **wrong turn** in the dark and Rod had to come out and lead us to their place. It had been a busy week and a long day, but Bev & Rod had a warm welcome and a lovely, hot, nourishing meal ready for us. How **thankful** we were for their hospitality. The next day, we travelled more leisurely to **Skogheim** and set up the hall ready for the children's work at the conference. It was a sheer delight to teach the children from Moses the Lawgiver to the end of Joshua. One boy would start saying "story time, story time" just before we would get to that part of the programme. Once again, **we were amazed** at the amount of Bible teaching we were able to do whilst maintaining the children's high interest and recall of the lessons. Many parents gave **feedback** that their children were learning bible verses, new songs and enjoying the club very much. We had two new young helpers this year, namely **Jaundri, age 14**, and her friend, **Heidi age 13**. Jaundri gave a **clear testimony** of her conversion to the group and her Afrikaans also proved very useful for the younger children. **Charissa Holdt** also shared her testimony with the young people. One of our regular helpers, **Colette**, was on a **Missions trip** with CPBC to Zimbabwe. Thank you for praying. We are booked again for next year's conference.

**BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH (BBC) HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB (HBC) 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> JULY (School Holidays)**

We wondered just how we would manage after Busy Bee Club, Skogheim Club and now the HBC, all taking place one after the other! We asked **you to pray** that we would have "boundless energy" and we had **boundless energy** each day. This Club was a real delight too. It is great working together in a larger team. The **children were keen** on the Turned Around Bible teaching, **creative ways** of remembering the daily bible verses and songs. **Chris Pienaar** BBC Trainee Pastor organised a band of able young helpers from the church to take charge of the activity stations. They worked hard from 07.00 Hrs to 12.30 Hrs. After this Chris led the feedback sessions, prayers and organised light lunches for us all. Very welcome indeed and give grateful thanks to everyone. Our time at Bethany ends in August. It was indeed a **blessing** to work alongside Pastor Jonathan Holdt, a wise & godly leader.

**Leon attended** Club each day and helped with the teaching and **Sechaba** Birchleigh Baptist Church Trainee Pastor, also assisted with explaining & **teaching** memory verses. A **Holiday Bible Club** has been planned for Birchleigh Baptist Church in the **September** holidays with **Chris Pienaar, Leon & Sechaba**. The female helpers are yet to be confirmed. **Nick & I** will be running another **HBC** at Constantia Park Baptist Church at the same time.

**SCHOOLS REOPEN JULY 20<sup>th</sup>- NEW TERM**

Schools reopen on July 20<sup>th</sup> and so we resume our regular assemblies, continuing with the book of Judges. Pray for **Joseph** as he goes into the Clarens High School for the first time on his own to take the assembly. **Alishea** will be going in less often to Mamelodi School as she is busy planning their November wedding. However, **Carol** is happy to take her place with **Wilna**. Ronell has **new schools** this term in Hennenman, so do remember her in your prayers. **Freddy** is keen to get into other schools in Sunnyside. He is willing & available but the ministry doors remain shut. Will you **commit to pray** that the doors will be open to Freddy in the city centre? Nick & I and Leon are exploring new opportunities in the Birchleigh area and need your prayers. **Sechaba** will also be helping us as part of his training experience. Remember him also as he works in Birchleigh, Hennenman/Welkom. **Pray** that Gayle, Charmaine, Freddy, Carol, Gladys, Alishea, Wilna & Ronell will be **blessed** through the assemblies, writing and music ministry.

**SWYM TRAINING AT BETHANY - 25<sup>th</sup> JULY**

Do **pray** that a good number of Bethany Baptist Church Sunday school teachers and **members will attend** this training seminar. Saturdays are "precious" to working people in particular but let us pray that for the **sake of the Gospel** and the children that a good number will make this half day sacrifice. Leon & Sechaba are being trained by coming alongside and observing us. Nick & I pray that both these young men will be able to cascade this training package in the future.

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

**CLARENS OUTREACH - 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

We are looking forward to **conducting** the regular assemblies and taking a number of Life Skills Classes, all week in Clarens. The new Principal at the High School is keen to listen and observe us do some classes at his school. Two farm schools are already booked for Classroom work. The **local Police Inspector** has plans for us to do some **joint schools** visits also. We will again spend **training** time with **Kgubetswana Uniting Reformed Church** members, namely Toba, Joseph, Alina and Rebecca. The SWYM correspondence books are a good means and **useful tool** for training our friends there.

**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. She is keen and we are pleased and encouraged by her writing skills. We have Book 6 in use now and Book 7 is being finalised. There are some “teething” quality control issues with the publishers and they are working on those.

**NEW SWYM OPPORTUNITIES- 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST & 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**HOSPITAL MINISTRY-** Do you remember Dr Gray? He is a SWYM trustee and the one who bought the first 100 books of Book 1 when it came from the publishers that very week? He has a ministry with his medical colleagues for hospital workers. This morning he telephoned and asked Nick if we would **participate** in this monthly ministry programme at the hospital from 9.00am to 12.00pm on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August! Of course, we are **excited** to be asked and would delight in being a part of this ministry. **Do pray** that we would make a significant & inspiring contribution to **Dr Gray’s ministry** at the hospital.

**SOLA 5 CONFERENCE – 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Yesterday, we were telephoned by one of the organisers of this Reformed Conference, namely SOLA 5, and we were asked if we would run the **Children’s Programme** during the conference. You guessed it- we readily agreed! **Do pray** that we would take in the right level of teaching and activities for the children.

**Future Events to pray for:**

**SWYM Training Seminar** on July 25<sup>th</sup> at Bethany Baptist Church

**Clarens Outreach** from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> August

**Hospital Ministry** on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

**Sola 5 Conference- Children’s Ministry** 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> September

**Polokwane African Pastors Conference (APC)** 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September

**Interschool Christian Camp** at Ora et Labora Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September

**HBC at CPBC** from Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

**HBC at Birchleigh Baptist Church** from Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Ongoing **Schools Assemblies & SWYM Publications**

**Items for Praise:**

- That the Ladies Tea at CPBC was a God honouring event
- The unexpected opportunity for a Bible Club at Busy Bee School which was a blessing for Leon and ourselves
- For the good number of Bible teaching sessions fitted in at the Children Conference at Skogheim
- The joy of working within a team and with the youth at Bethany Baptist Church HBC
- That Gayle has compiled SWYM Correspondence Course Book 7 and is planning Book 8
- That SWYM has been able to give further orders for printing of course books
- For the new SWYM opportunities at the Hospital with Dr Gray & the Sola 5 Conference

**Items for Prayer:**

- That Leon will get openings into *new* schools and he will receive adequate ministry funding
- Sechaba will grow into his role as Trainee Pastor at Birchleigh Baptist Church and helping SWYM
- That Joseph & we will know the help of the Holy Spirit at the High School assemblies & other Clarens’ schools
- The new SWYM opportunities at the Hospital and Sola 5 Conference will produce disciples of the Lord Jesus
- 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
- The much needed SWYM Resource Centre will be funded & established with additional helpers
- That the SWYM ministry will blossom in Hennenman/Welkom, Sunnyside & Birchleigh
- For more **prayer** supporters & **SWYM** workers, short term or long term
- That Nick & I will enjoy good health, safety & enthusiasm for ministry in the day/weeks ahead.

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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