



Dear Family & Friends

### **REGULAR SCHOOLS MINISTRY**

We asked you to pray that more doors will be opened to Freddy in the City Centre! More doors have been opened to our dear brother Freddy. Freddy has also become involved in a “Buddies in Christ” - BIC system on a weekly basis at the Oostend Primary School, which has over 1,900 learners! He is already being kept very busy there. Sunny Side is also considering utilising Freddy’s spiritual abilities to come alongside & minister to individual learners. Do pray that Freddy will know godly wisdom & common sense in helping at both these schools in the Assembly & BIC system.

### **BUSY BEE & SAFOLA PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

Leon has individual responsibilities for both these farm schools, for Assemblies, Library & Reading classes. He also helps us with 6 Assemblies & one Christian Union class in `our` schools. We had one new school added this term with two assemblies on two different days of the week, plus the other established schools.

### **HENNENMAN/WELKOM**

Ronell has commenced ministry in a new, larger farm school this term, for which we praise God. Recently when Sechaba, Pastor in Training for Birchleigh Baptist Church, was ministering in that area, he ministered at Ronell’s schools and at a High School also. An unexpected opportunity came for Nick & I, Diandra, (Sheila’s niece), from Canada and Sharon from UK to accompany Ronell for one of the large classes at the new farm school. The Principal was delighted with our visit and joint work. Please pray for Ronell and the growing SWYM ministry in Hennenman as well as the Church Plant Malvin & Ronell & family are establishing in partnership with the Welkom Christians.

### **MAMELODI PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Wilna & Carol write: *By the grace of God, we conduct Tuesday Bible assembly at FF Riberio. This is indeed a privilege, because the legislation in South Africa for Government schools, prohibit schools to favour any religion above another. Most headmasters are intimidated by this, and have turned Christian workers away. However, the principal of FF Riberio welcomes us with open arms, for which we thank the Lord.*

*This Primary school has at least five hundred children. They do not have a hall for their assemblies, and so gather in the school yard for assemblies. At the moment, the children are hearing about Joshua and his exploits. Carol presents the lesson, while Wilna shows the visual aids and prayer at the end. The children are eager to learn English Christian songs, so we have incorporated some easy songs.*

*Please pray with us for the following:*

*That the children would listen and comprehend the Word of God, as we teach in English, which is not their first language.*

*That God would open their hearts to His grace, and that they would be saved.*

*That Carol and Wilna would be conduits of God's grace, and speak with great unction.*

*We do not know if Frieda, the headmistress is saved. Please pray that the Lord will save her.*

*Thank you for praying with us for this school!*

### **SWYM TRAINING AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH (BBC) - 25<sup>th</sup> JULY**

Thank you for praying for this event. Yes, a good number of Bethany Baptist Church Sunday school teachers and members **from both BBC and Constantia Park Baptist Church (CPBC) attended** this training seminar. The feedback was positive, both verbal and from the completed evaluation forms returned to us.

Our time at Bethany Baptist Church ended August 9<sup>th</sup> after nearly ten months of input into the Sunday School. As mentioned before, it was **a blessing** for us to work with Pastor Jonathan Holdt and his Sunday School team. Do **continue** to pray that God will bless the various ministries at BBC including the Sunday School Ministry.

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

Schools reopened on 20<sup>th</sup> July and we resumed with the book of Judges. Pray for **Joseph** as he goes regularly into Clarens High on his own to take the assemblies. **Alishea** will be going in less often to Mamelodi School as she is busy planning her 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. **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, Leon & Ronell will be **blessed** through the assemblies, library, writing and music ministry.

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

We were expecting to conduct a number of Life Skills Classes all week in Clarens but we had **even more classroom work** than we had expected! Did we rise to the challenge? Yes, with God’s help we did indeed! The new Principal at the **High School**, his Deputy and Head of Department gave us all the classes from Grades 10, 11 and 12 to conduct “Managing Anger & Conflict” from a biblical perspective. The **Educators** were pleased with our input to their Learners, and we have some tentative plans for future “*Team Building Workshops*” with them.

The **Intermediate Farm School** gave us Grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9 to conduct the same lesson as the High School. Wow! We have great sympathy for teachers who stand on their feet, speak & interact with learners for many hours in a given day. We were physically & mentally exhausted at the end of each teaching day.

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

We ministered in **6 schools** during the Clarens week, reaching thousands of learners. We conducted Assemblies at the **Combined Primary School** all 5 mornings, from 7.30am to 8.00am. To meet the demands for Assemblies and Classes at the other 5 schools, **Joseph took 3 Assemblies** on his own. He also assisted us in all the Life Skills Classes, reading Scripture in Sesotho. Otherwise, we taught in English, with translations by Teachers from 3 Farm Schools.

Let me say how thankful we were to note the **ministry growth** in our brother, Joseph. The Principal from the High School stated to us how pleased he is to have Joseph come into his school regularly for Monday Assemblies. Do **pray that Joseph** will be salt & light at that High School.

We **visited two new farm schools** and did impromptu extended Assemblies followed by further planned Assembly Classes.

We **ministered** at the Feeding Programme three afternoons from 2.30pm. The children eat their meal at 3.00pm or thereabouts.

**Inspector Nair** was off for part of the week, but we had a meeting with him on the Friday with plans for further *“Team Building Workshops”* in October. Do **pray** that we will have **godly wisdom** in planning and implementing these programmes. The **Organisers at Clarens** did an excellent job again in meeting our needs for accommodation, fellowship & food. We **thank God** for this partnership in the Gospel.

### **SWYM CORRESPONDENCE COURSE BOOKS & MUSIC MINISTRY**

Please continue to **pray** that **Gayle** will be inspired as she writes books for SWYM. We have a growing number of **prisoners** completing the Course Study Books. **Pray** that many of these inmates will come to faith through the use of these study books. Gayle is yet to finalise Book 7 but she has also been working on a couple of songs to go with her regular **Sunday school** classes at Birchleigh Baptist Church.

### **NEW SWYM OPPORTUNITIES- 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST**

#### **PRETORIA EAST HOSPITAL MINISTRY-**

We were truly blessed to be part of Dr Gray's ministry at the hospital. He and a few others are keen to spread the Good News throughout the hospital. Freddy did a compelling presentation on the early Life of Paul and this was enhanced by a solo from Leon. Nick & I and Dr Gray supported the morning with Bible verses, songs and a short DVD. Do **pray** that this ministry will make a difference for Christ at the hospital and beyond.

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

We were telephoned by one of the organisers of this Reformed Baptist 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:**

**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

**Training** teachers & potential teachers at CPBC 19<sup>th</sup> September

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

**Holiday Bible Club (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 (Leon & Sechaba)

Ongoing **Schools Assemblies & SWYM Publications**

#### **Items for Praise:**

- That Gayle has compiled SWYM Correspondence Course Book 7 and is planning Book 8
- For the new SWYM opportunities at Pretoria East Hospital with Dr Gray, & Sola 5 Conference
- That SWYM ministry is blossoming in Hennenman/Welkom, Sunnyside, Birchleigh & Clarens

#### **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 in helping SWYM
- That all our September events will be especially blessed by our Lord & Saviour
- The **camp** will be sufficiently funded and that **all** will be kept safe
- That young people will attend the Holiday Bible Clubs and be changed through hearing God's Word
- The much needed SWYM Resource Centre will be funded & established with additional helpers
- 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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