

Dear Family & Friends

SWYM Latest News

SWYM Offices

We have been blessed with many items of furniture & equipment for the offices. A BIG thank you to all those who helped us in various ways. However, we still do need a photocopier and urgent administrative support. We have a willing person from Zimbabwe, with missionary parents but we need to help her with something financially for her labours, and for that our eyes are upon God. **Pray** that regular finances will come in to allow her to go into **schools** and **work** in the offices.



SWYM SCHOOLS

Freddy is back from sick leave and we **praise God** for his recovery and his **enthusiasm** for ministry. Freddy's first unofficial day back was during the schools strike and that proved to be a blessing. Nick & I were in the middle of a song when there was an announcement over the school's PA system. **Not understanding**, we continued singing, then Freddy walked over and calmly said "Uncle Nick, the children must go back to their classrooms now for registration." The announcement was in **Afrikaans**. We quickly dismissed the children to their classrooms and packed up our materials. Before we were out of the assembly room some of the teachers were already coming into the hall with their classes. A teacher said "*Be careful as you go – the demonstrators are on their way to the school*". We got out of the hall and school gates in record time but when still outside the school complex Nick stopped and said to Freddy "*Let us pray!*" I must **confess** that I had my eyes wide open! That was my most scary moment during the schools strike. As for Freddy, he was unperturbed. Anyway, we did not miss too many assemblies during the **strike disruptions** and neither did any of the SWYM workers. Please continue to **pray** that Ronell, Wilna & Ivy & Leon would get additional, regular helpers for their schools.

SWYM Bible Correspondence Course Books

We piloted "The Lord's Prayer" book at camp which was written by Gordon & Marge Vice. Gayle, Bethan & Liz are continuing to write for SWYM and are in **different stages** of writing. Deadlines are necessary in writing - don't you agree? We urgently need the SWYM books to be translated into the African & Afrikaans languages. If you can help, do not hesitate to **contact** us.

Cindy very kindly **took over** the administration of the Correspondence Course Books when **Louise stopped** working in early September. God answered pray **swiftly** and we marvel at His goodness again. Please pray that Cindy, who has two lively young children, will find the time and delight in this ministry.

Outreaches

We have had record outreach opportunities in a short space of time!

Clarens 9th to 15th October- Most recent, and as usual it was a well organised week by the CCIA – Clarens Churches in Action. Now, we go to assist Joseph who does the schools ministry all year round in Clarens. It is a partnership ministry with the CCIA. Leon accompanied us for the first time there and together we presented briefly in two churches on the Sunday; ministered in 7 schools; Tshepong (Children in need scheme); the Police; and staff from the local Municipality during the week. We took Life Skills classes in one school, and because we had so much work in the week, we had to split the team more often, and work singly or in pairs. Grietjie, from the Dutch Reformed Church, came to observe our assemblies and club at two schools. Hopefully, she will be able to continue with two farm schools with support from the Clarens Outreach Management Team. Thank you for praying!

28th Sept to 1st October, Holiday Bible Club @ Constantia Park Baptist Church. We prayed for a good team to come together for this ministry and a great team worked together for the glory of God. Joyce came to help all the way from Caersalem Chapel, in Wales. We had all that we needed - children for teaching; crafts; puppet newsroom; games; interest groups, etc. The feedback from parents and grandparents was positive. Praise God for blessing the team's efforts so abundantly.

Camp from 23rd to 26th September. We had a total of 81 Learners, excluding the Helpers. Freddy M. & Marge Vice did the daily teaching on Nehemiah, the Master Builder. Gordon Vice preached and Dawid Jansen Van Rensburg concluded camp with a challenging sermon. The devotional was on "The Lords Prayer." As usual, Wilna & the catering team made the food stretch to feed the final, and not surprising, higher numbers! On September 5th, we did a SWYM presentation at the ABK, Kempton Park. We have gained some new friends.

28th August - SWYM AGM & Annual Day of Prayer – Thank you to all those who supported this event.

Badplass 20th to 22nd August. We were greatly helped on this occasion with accommodation. We thank God for His help with the Alpha Radio presentations; the Children's Club on Saturday, and the Children & Adult ministry on Sunday. We were humbled by a Pastor who came from about 75KM away to observe our work and to ask for training for his schools ministry.

Pray that the **Training Seminar** at Constantia Park Baptist Church on Saturday 30th October will encourage many of God's people in Youth Work

Praise/Prayer items

Praise God for the following:

For His most gracious help in all the outreaches which were major outreaches and very close to one another. Are we tired? Just ask Leon! Praise God, we had a short refreshing break away with Joyce

For **teamwork** and **joy** in ministry

For **Cindy** whom God sent to do the SWYM Bible Correspondence administration

Pray that **God will save** His people through His Word, at all the **outreaches & assemblies** done in His name

Pray that SWYM will be able to **assist** financially, a suitable person for Office/ Administrative support

That we will have a **Photocopier** for the SWYM office

Pray for those who are **writing** SWYM books - that the Holy Spirit will anoint their writing

Pray for the following events – Regular Schools plus - Friday 22nd Oct, a Children's Evening Club at ABK, Saturday 30th October – Training Seminar @ CPBC

3rd to 5th November – Hennenman Outreach in support of Ronell Schools

12th to 14th November at Mashushu, Polokwane. A joint & rural outreach with Pastor Jonathan Holdt, Bethany Baptist Church

Friends, we thank you so much for your support and interest in the work of SWYM. Be encouraged, for we are encouraged. Surely God is at work!

With our love & prayers

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