



Dear Family & Friends

We want to *thank* so many of you for your recent kindness & hospitality extended to us whilst we were in the UK on Home Assignment in April. Our diary was full of opportunities to share about the work of SWYM. We travelled many miles, yet we returned to South Africa feeling very refreshed and blessed. You made our time very special indeed! Also rejoice with us, for we finally got our 3 year voluntary visa renewals yesterday! This application took much longer to process than on previous occasions.

Short Term Ministry – Tim returned to the UK in April. We were very thankful for his work & ministry with SWYM. Please pray that Tim will return in due course!

Longer Term Ministry - Jared & Michelle from New Zealand have arrived in Kempton Park. They got their 12 months visas issued in NZ. J & M returned from their honeymoon in Zimbabwe/Botswana today. Please **pray that they will settle quickly** and enjoy married life & ministry in South Africa.

SWYM Bible Correspondence Course – This ministry is progressing with more & more prisoners using these study books. Pray that Cindy Jonker will have wisdom to know how to respond to the various requests from BCC users for bibles, pens etc. **Pray** for those **writing books**, that they will know the leading of the Holy Spirit.

SWYM SCHOOLS

We remain busy with the weekly schools` ministry. Assemblies are taking place as usual. On a sad note, the young learner that we began remedial teaching with and then was continued with by Uncle Freddy, suddenly stopped coming to school with no known information of her whereabouts! Please **pray** that this young, vulnerable *little girl might come to faith* in the Lord Jesus and that she will know His love & protection. We work with orphans, vulnerable & disadvantaged children in our schools.

Continue to pray for Leon & Freddy, Wilna, Ivy & Carol, Ronell, Freddy & Gladys, Joseph & Grietjie, Gordon & Marge as they continue with assemblies, Christian Union, Buddy Scheme, Clubs and remedial teaching, prison & writing ministries. Sometimes, our times and opportunities to share the gospel with these children are limited. Children move away, they go to live with Grannies, other relatives, have accidents etc.

Remember them in your prayers.



Outreaches

Badplass & Barberton Outreaches-11th to 13th May - We visited Badplass Radio Alpha and Nick & I both did live broadcasts in English. We told Bible Stories and the two announcers spoke in local language to get feedback and comments. Whilst there, we met for tea with the Radio Alpha Manager & his wife. Please **pray** for the ministry of **Radio Alpha and for Mr Otto** as he has not been too well and his wife who is helping more with the administration. After Badplass, we drove on to Barberton for the African Pastors` Conference where we facilitated a Visually Speaking Workshop.

SWYM Children & Youth in Missions at CPBC on 14th May - We returned from Barberton on the evening of the 13th May for the Youth event on the Saturday 14th May. We were **blessed** by all those who took part and particularly so by the youth of Springs Baptist Church who dramatized the conversion of Paul. It was Missions Week at our church and the theme was” The Persecuted Church”.

Hennenman Outreach - Prefects Leadership Training on 19th & 20th May- We conducted training for an Intermediate and Primary School at the local Municipality Buildings. It was a delight to stay and work with Ronell and a new team in Hennenman linked with the NG Kerk.

Outreaches continued

Clarens Outreach - Team Building for Police & Tshepong Staff – 30th May - 4th June.

What a lovely week we had in Clarens, despite the extreme cold.

Joseph joined us as usual. He is the CCIA & NG Kerk regular worker and continues with a weekly ministry to the High School, Intermediate and Primary school, also the Municipality Workers on a Friday morning. Our Sunday School had collected coins for Bibles which we were able to give to the Grade 7's at Mojalefa Farm School and a few bibles to start a library at Madrid Farm School. We also distributed 53 scarves to these children that were donated by the ladies of CPBC Missions Workshop.

The *Team Building Workshop with the Police Dept.* did take place at Tshepong, despite the competing demands on Police time. Do **pray for the police** as they seek to serve the community. One or two are Christians amongst them, may they be salt & light amongst their colleagues.

The *other Team Building Workshop* took place with the *Staff of Tshepong*. They were a larger group than the Police and worked well together too. At both workshops we drew on examples from the gospel. We have plans for further staff training in August.



Bibles for Learners –

Thank you to all those who responded to our request for **Bibles for Learners!** Yes - R15.00 each a bible was a great offer. We have bought *nearly* 500 bibles already and hope to add more to our purchase! The offer has extended. Thank you once again and if you would still like to help purchase a bible or two, please see our financial details at the end of our newsletter.

Praise/Prayer items

Praise God for the following:

That the established and new outreaches went well

The Leadership Training & Team Building Workshops pointed to the greatest Leader of all, the Lord Jesus

Our visa renewal applications have at last come through successfully

For the safe arrival of Jared & Michelle from New Zealand

For Gordon & Marge's prison ministry and writing ministry

The purchase of nearly 500 bibles

Pray for the following events in June/July

Pray that Michelle & Jared will benefit from their induction programme

9th & 10th June - Prefects Leadership for a Sunnyside School at CPBC

26th June to 30th June- Holiday Bible Club near Durban with Marge Vice

1st July to 6th July- Skogheim Family Reformed Conference-Children's Ministry

That we will know God's wisdom as we plan for ministries in "new places"

Pray that God will send short & longer term workers to SWYM

Finally, let me say that we do this ministry only through the love, support and prayers of God's people.

With our love & prayers

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