



Dear Family & Friends

As I gaze out of our office window, I am reminded very much of a typical winter's day in the UK- very cold & dull. Thankfully, there is nothing cold & dull about SWYM ministry. Earlier today, Nick & I were reflecting upon the busyness in ministry that is richly accompanied by joy in ministry. In His presence, there is fullness of joy. Psalm 16:11
Ok, let me capture some of what we have been doing so that we might affirm afresh that God hears & answers prayers.

Long Term Ministry - Jared & Michelle Hunt from New Zealand have "awed" us with their ministry activities. Whilst Nick & I were away on outreach, this couple had a placement with Mark & Christine Harding at their Hammanskraal Orphanage, Yshepo Ye Bano. Mark & Chris then arranged another induction placement for J & M with Mama C. at a larger Orphanage in nearby Temba. During the holidays, J&M helped in a reading programme at a local school near the Orphanage. Jared also visited two prisons whilst taking opportunities for some street evangelism. J & M were soon travelling with the local SA taxis and commenced staying in a room in the house of Mama C. After some training with Nick & I, plus Michelle doing school assembly with Leon, they are back in Temba for a time. We wrote "Please **pray that they will settle quickly** and enjoy married life & ministry in South Africa", presently, they are doing just that! Oh for the work and the joy He gives us, we praise & thank Him

SWYM Bible Correspondence Course – Marge Vice from Durban reports that the prisoners are really enjoying the work books and **two prisoners** may have **come to faith**. Please pray that users will come to faith in the Lord Jesus and grow from studying the books that are available. Pray that **God will inspire**, through His Holy Spirit, Gayle, Pat, Lizzie, and Gordon & Marge as they write books for SWYM. Also remember Cindy and Patience in your prayers as they do administrative duties.

SWYM SCHOOLS

9th & 10th June - Prefects Leadership for a Sunnyside School at CPBC - Twenty four School Prefects with two Educators attended the two days training. They **embraced** the Word of God & **new skills** wholeheartedly and that was their **highlight** of the term. Edward Bennett, Michelle & Jared were spontaneous helpers.

In July, **Maphefo M. (and Peter)** commenced schools in Mamelodi following SWYM training. Please **pray** that they will find the Schools` Ministry fulfilling and that their **financial travel needs** will be met.

Freddy Mogashoa & **Gladys Sithole** continue with remedial teaching, assemblies and Buddy Scheme. Pray that **Freddy** will get the **new school bus he needs** to replace the now very old school bus.

Leon Harmse commenced this year by **preaching a lot more**. The result? He has been appointed Pastor at Sunward Park Baptiste Kerk, but he will condense his schools into one day so he can continue SWYM ministry. His **induction Service** is on the 10th September. We **give thanks** and pray that Leon will know much blessing as he serves the Lord, his congregation AND continue with most of his schools for SWYM.

Michelle & Jared are busy in the Temba locality. Pray that **God will provide** for their needs and will make Michelle a blessing in the schools, and Jared a blessing at the orphanage and prisons.

Outreaches

26th to 30th June – The Holiday Bible Club with Marge Vice at Umkomaas, near Durban was a blessing. We had just **over 100 children** attending club. It was the **first HBC** at that school and the school`s principal, a teacher and a parent governor attended on different days to give their support. The children quickly **learnt a lot of scripture** verses and scripture in songs.

1st July to 6th July- Skogheim Family Reformed Conference - Children`s Ministry. Leon Harmse also joined us for the Umkomaas HBC & Skogheim Conference Children`s Ministry. We travelled with John Hocknell`s trailer as usual, loaded up with HBC materials. In fact, we have been using **John`s trailer** even more this year. It was **a privilege** to work with the Skogheim children, **teaching bible** truths, bible verses and songs. We appreciated the opportunity to build upon the godly foundations laid by their parents, grandparents, Sunday school & Club teachers etc. Anica Anderson helped us again but for the last year- from next year, she wants to sit in on all the Skogheim teaching! We shall miss her quiet, able help!

Outreaches continued

NEW OPPORTUNITIES- Dr Gray, a Trustee of SWYM, referred Maphefo M to SWYM as she was interested in the Schools Ministry. We met with her initially and then set up the Mamelodi Visually Speaking Training held on Friday 15th July. Following that, Maphefo & Peter observed us conducting an assembly in Mamelodi and have since taken on **several schools** together. They **need funds** though for their **taxi fares** to & from the schools. Please **pray** about this new work & **necessary** funding.

Bert Pienaar, a Trustee of SWYM, made a request for us to work in Dullstroom, which is about 2.5 hours away from home. We did our **first visit in June** and again the last week of July. We were **amazed** at the work the **Lord had prepared** for us to do. Straightway, we were into **two schools** - a **Primary & a Secondary School** for Assemblies and Life Orientation classes. The two Principals and the Educators were **very welcoming** and quickly shared about some of the joys and sorrows of the Learners. As well as **Bert & Minnie Pienaar**, a local couple is also keen to see this ministry develop plus Samuel who accompanied us on our first visit to the schools. Please **pray for these new ministries** and that God will raise up another "Clarens type Joseph", in Dullstroom.

We were very **privileged** to have tea in Irving's back yard with a couple, **Adam & Ruth**, all the way from **Widcombe Baptist Church**, in Bath, UK. We had met Adam previously at Widcome but this time we met his wife also. Adam was in SA on IOC business. Meetings like that could make you feel a little bit home sick for the old & for the familiar. Yet, it was all such an **unexpected blessing** and their visit **encouraged us** greatly with the possibility of short termers.

20th August to 8th Sept - SWYM Outreach in Zambia. **Do pray for us** as we travel to Zambia for two conferences - The Reformed Family Conference in Lusaka and the Sola 5 Conference in Livingstone. At both conferences, we shall be **presenting** on the work of **SWYM** and in Livingstone we shall also be conducting a **SWYM Training Seminar** for all those interested in working with children & Young People. **Rod & Bev Rowlands**, both Trustees of SWYM, are arranging the travel itinerary, plus taking all the camping equipment and arranging the stop overs at the various campsites, plus doing all the driving in their bigger vehicle. That is such an **enormous help** from them as their actions enable us to **carry on working** until the time comes for that trip. Do pray for journeying mercies, good health, and fellowship with other Christians and that **yet more people and churches** would be encouraged in working with Children & Young people.

Praise/Prayer items

Praise God for the following:

That Jared & Michelle Hunt from New Zealand have settled into ministry
For the new SWYM Correspondence books written & printed up for use
That all the outreaches were God honouring
For the **NEW** Ministry opportunities in Mamelodi & Dullstroom
For the encouraging time spent with Adam & Ruth from Bath, UK

Pray for the following events in August /September

That God will send short & longer term workers to SWYM
Clarens outreach from 1st to 5th August including a Team Building Workshop for The High School Principal & Educators
8th to 12th August - Building Project (extra SWYM storage) with Rod Rowlands' help
9th August – SWYM Trustees Meeting
25th to 27th August - SWYM Exhibition @ Pretoria Missions Fest (Leon Harmse)
20th August to 8th Sept - SWYM Outreach in Zambia, travelling with Rod & Bev Rowlands, (SWYM Trustees)
10th Sept - Leon's Induction Service @ Sunward Park Baptiste Kerk
That the financial & material needs of the ministry will be fully met, as well as the individual needs for Maphefo, Peter, Jared & Michelle

Friends, we need the help of God's people. We need your love, your prayers, and your financial & practical support for the on-going & expanding work of SWYM. So be encouraged - God is at work in South Africa!

With our love & prayers Nick and Sheila Court

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