



Dear Family & Friends

SWYM SCHOOLS, CLUBS & CORRESPONDENCE

Psalm 104:1 Bless the Lord my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great!

Since our last prayer letter, **a lot has happened** and I have the task of **summarising our activities** for the sake of paper and your time. Most are reported under Outreaches & Training. So settle down, read and "enjoy" as they say here in South Africa!

In July, **Maphefo M.** commenced schools in Mamelodi following SWYM training. She continues to find fulfilment in the various schools she ministers in each week. We have linked her to Pastor Robert from Lynnwood Baptist Church for monitoring and encouraging and our first meeting with him in September was very promising. Please **pray** that Maphefo will **grow spiritually** and that her **financial travel needs** will be met.

Freddy Mogashoa & **Gladys Sithole** continue with **remedial teaching**, assemblies and buddy scheme. Freddy also does some **ministry** amongst the **taxi drivers** generally parked near the schools. He also assists in his church with Preaching and/or translations. Continue to pray that Freddy will get the **new school bus he needs** to replace the now very old school bus. **Carol Davies**, who helped Wilna in **Mamelodi** school and with Camps, will be giving up her teaching post to commence **Bible Training** in Cape Town from January 2012. We are so excited about her call into full time Christian ministry! Bless the Lord my soul! **Wilna** helped with the **Holiday Bible Club** catering and is fully occupied in her **Care ministry role** at Constantia Park Baptist Church (CPBC). We miss **Leon** in Kempton Park but thankful that he continues with SWYM activities on Mondays. He starts early & finishes late! **Pray** that God will use him to **preach and pastor** his congregation. **Joseph** has **two new people** to help him in the Clarens` schools. They are **Dinah & Violet** and both are doing the SWYM Correspondence Course. **Dinah**, in particular is **enjoying** the schools` ministry. **Nick & I** continue with our local schools and were invited to **address the parents** and learners at Merit Mornings and to attend with other Educators and guests a **Musical Performance** at another school.

Ronell continues with her farm schools in Hennenman, despite her husband being unwell this year. **Michelle & Jared** are busy in the Temba locality. They have assemblies and club **every day** as well as the Orphanage & Prison ministries. Pray that **God** will keep them **safe and provide** for their needs. They travel with the local South African taxis and/or walk to and from the schools. **SWYM Bible Correspondence Course** – **Cindy** continues with the **marking** of SWYM Correspondence books and Moms & Tots group. **Marge Vice** is really moving ahead with her schools and prison ministry. She is seeing spiritual growth amongst the prisoners and is working through many of the Bible Correspondence Course books. She & husband **Gordon** have just finished **writing** a SWYM study book on James. Pray for **divine inspiration** for those who are currently writing books.

OUTREACHES & TRAINING

Clarens outreach from **1st to 5th August** included a Team Building Workshop for the High School Principal & Educators. That went ahead as planned with much **positive** feedback from the Educators. All the local schools were visited for assemblies and club, including Tshepong (Children in Need). **Two more Helpers** have come forward to work alongside Joseph and that was a great encouragement all round.

8th to 12th August - Building Project .This is still underway as we developed the idea further to accommodate **Short Termers**. We appreciate Rod Rowlands on going practical help & expertise.

25th to 27th August - SWYM Exhibition @ Pretoria Missions Fest

Michelle & Jared Hunt & Leon Harmse took charge of this event. They were able to stay over with SWYM Trustee, Christa for the Missions Fest. It was their **first** experience exhibiting at a Fest and all found it "educational". Some **new contacts** were added to the SWYM Correspondence Course. Since then, Leon has been inducted as Domini/Pastor of Sunward Park Baptiste Kerk but continues one day a week with SWYM.

20th August to 8th Sept - SWYM Outreach in Zambia, travelling with Rod & Bev Rowlands, (SWYM Trustees). What an experience! Simply crossing borders can be stressful with so many people wanting to "help" you but we survived it all. We had **88 people** from various Livingstone churches for our "SWYM Visually Speaking" Training Seminar. Also, following our **two SWYM** presentations at the Reformed Family Conference & Sola 5 Conference in Lusaka & Livingstone; we made many contacts from Zambia itself, Kenya, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe & Botswana. Oh- if only we had **more people** to visit all these friends to encourage and/or help develop their Youth Ministries.

The time with our Zambian friends was all together amazing. Their **hospitality** and **spiritual food** throughout the conferences remain memorable highlights for us. Rod & Bev Rowlands took charge of our travelling, camping and catering needs there & back. We could not have done the everyday ministry, AND plan and take the trip.

Pastor Bwembya from Livingstone **reported last week** that a lady from his church has started a **new Bible Club** at her home following the **SWYM Training** and talks she had with us. That has helped our decision to make the return, follow up trip which we were "deliberating" because of the distance and costs. Rejoice & Praise God!

Outreaches & Training continued

23rd to 28th Sept Barberton & Dullstroom - We conducted **Visually Speaking** Seminar @ **Barberton** organised by **Pastors Karl Petersen & Thulani**. This event went very well indeed with much interests shown through **impromptu** questions & answers sessions about practical youth ministry. **Hospitality** was given to us by **Bruce & Gwyneth Herd**.

From Barberton, we made our way to **Dullstroom** where we conducted assemblies and classroom work at the **Primary & High Schools**. Again, **invited** and impromptu questions came from many of the Learners who showed **open delight** at our presence and bible teaching at their schools. At the **last** sessions, **Bibles** were given out to **nearly 92 of the Grade 12** and it was clear that many had not **used a bible** before. **With permission**, Nick did some **lessons on finding your way around the bible** for the Grade 12. We were **blessed** through these opportunities to share the Gospel with these young people. After the classroom work, the High School **Principal immediately invited** us to come back again and gave us dates but our diary was already full, however with some negotiations & juggling of dates, we hope **to return** late November/December.

3rd to 5th October- Holiday Bible Club @ CPBC (our church) **what an enjoyable event!** The team all worked so well together and there was such a **“happy, peaceful”** atmosphere as the **Word of God was taught and reinforced** with the Crafts, Memory Verse & Singing, Puppets News, Activity Stations etc. This year the theme was **“An Amazing Rescue!** and **Nils Halland** did the teaching on **Noah**. Just **one week** of holidays and soon we were back into the schools for Assemblies.

10th to 12th October- To Barberton again. Follow up visits with Pastor Thulani and with whom we will be supporting in the local Schools. Discussed ideas for Youth Ministry with the Sunday School Superintendent of a local church and distributed SWYM Correspondence Books for Prison use. Altogether, a useful & fruitful follow up visit.

SWYM Short Termers- Tim Phillips from the **UK** is back with us for 3 months and straightaway he helped at Holiday Bible Club and will do library every Monday at Busy Bee Primary.

Selina, a qualified nurse from **New Zealand** is due to arrive November 29th for three weeks. She is a friend of Michelle & Jared Hunt and keen to help in any way.

Praise/Prayer items

Praise God for the following:

That all the outreaches were God honouring
That the Bibles were well received by the Grade12 Learners
For RE classes at a new College on Wednesdays
For the **NEW** Ministry opportunities in Mamelodi, Dullstroom, Barberton & Zambia
For a happy & peaceful Holiday Bible Club @ CPBC
The opportunity for follow up visits in Dullstroom & Barberton
For Short Termers like Tim, & Selina yet to arrive
That SWYM is a conduit for God`s people developing & moving into other areas of Christian service

Pray for the following events in November/December

That God will send short & longer term workers to SWYM
The on-going Building Project with Rod Rowlands & Tim Phillips
28th October to 4th November – Clarens Outreach in the Schools including Staff Team Building
5th November - SWYM Thanksgiving Service @CPBC
7th to 11th November- Schools, including RE Classes and Biblical Counselling Studies
12th to 18th November –Zambia SWYM Seminars, Schools and Bible Club in Livingstone
23rd to 27th November - Durban Visit & Outreach with Marge Vice
December Grade 7 & Grades 12 -Managing Change Workshops
Friends, we need your prayers, and your financial & practical support for the on-going & expanding work of SWYM. So pray and be encouraged - God is at work in Southern Africa!

With our love & prayers Nick and Sheila Court

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