



Dear Family & Friends

SWYM Prayer Letter 40

SWYM SCHOOLS, CLUBS & CORRESPONDENCE

1 John 4:14...The Father has sent His Son to be the Saviour of the world.

It is good to greet you this Christmas season and to thank you for your love, prayers and support for the ministry. We rejoice in the birth, death and resurrection of our Saviour & Lord, Jesus Christ.

Mamelodi - **Maphefo M.** suffered a period of sudden ill health but has resumed her schools ministry. Please continue to **pray** that Maphefo will keep up with **monthly** reports and that her **financial travel needs** will be met.

Freddy Mogashoa & Gladys Sithole continue to be an inspiring team amongst the inner city schools. Freddy leads **regular morning devotions**, (amongst his wider ministries) with a group of Educators and Gladys reported that one teacher may have come to faith since this ministry began about six months ago. Gladys has a **good relationship** with the staff and with all the Learners on her **remedial teaching** programme. Patience is in Zimbabwe at the moment.

We will miss **Carol Davies** when she **leaves Pretoria** to commence **Bible Training** in Cape Town from January 2012. **Leon & Tim** have worked mostly together this term. They (and us) have given out a large **number of Bibles** to the departing Grade7 and Grade 12 Learners. Clarens have their own team of **four people** for the schools ministry. They are **Joseph, Dinah, Violet and Grietjie**. Do **pray for them** and the Clarens Churches In Action (CCIA) who work together for the spiritual and physical good of their local communities.

Nick & I continue with our local schools. We are frequently invited to **address the parents** and learners at Merit Mornings and end of term school functions. **Ruth Phillips** has been in to observe a few assemblies with the hope that she might be able to assist when we are on Home Assignment in January 2012.

Ronell continues with her farm school ministry in Hennenman and ended the term`s bible teaching by serving cupcakes!

Michelle & Jared have their New Zealand friend, Selina, visiting and are presently busy with Orphanage work in the Hammanskraal/Temba locality and possibly Durban, later on. They have much **to think and pray** about as they seek future guidance.

SWYM Bible Correspondence Course – **Cindy** is expecting her *third* baby and has given up the **marking** of SWYM Correspondence Books. Nick has **taken over** this additional work but please pray that the **Lord will provide** someone for this particular ministry. **Marge Vice** is so blessed with her schools and prison ministry. She ended one of her schools with a **Christmas Party** which was well appreciated by Educators & Learners. Marge has also got some SWYM Bible Correspondence Books into **another prison** via a Christian Prison worker, she met at a Workshop.

Camps - We have been greatly blessed with a donation of 20 mattresses from Dr Gray`s campsite, Ora et Labora. This is in readiness for Short Termers use and future residential training camps.



OUTREACHES & TRAINING

Clarens outreach from 28th October to 4th November - We had a **fruitful week** of work together in Clarens with Assemblies, Team Building and Leadership Training for the High School. Once again, we appreciated the opportunities to work alongside their growing team.

5th November- SWYM Thanksgiving Service @ CPBC. This turned out to be a **lovely, God honouring** occasion. **Pastor Irving** preached and the **Lehman children** sang beautifully in praise of **our Lord**. On-going Short Termers Building Project - This is still underway, though slower now and in between Nick`s other work.

10th November- Quilling Demonstration @ Moms & Tots (M&T) Group. This was made possible by **Ruth Phillips and Cindy Jonker**. What an **enjoyable** morning! The ladies present were swift to learn this new skill and we felt so blessed & encouraged by the gracious ambience of the meeting. The **little children** sang biblical songs and **presented us** with a jar of coins, since converted into notes for Bibles.

12th to 18th November – Second SWYM Outreach in Zambia. We had **representatives** from various Livingstone churches for our **Know & Tell the Gospel** Seminar. We were able to conduct **school assemblies** each day, do an **evangelistic lunch** time meeting with business employees and attend the **new Saturday Bible Club** organised on a Thursday evening, especially for us. We also had M & T guidelines from Ruth Phillips & Natalie Rogers to share with our host, Sue, about **commencing a “Moms & Tots”** group in 2012. Do **pray** for our **Zambian** friends and their keenness to serve the Lord through further developing their own Children & Youth Ministry.

22nd to 26th November- Dullstroom Outreach. Another opportunity presented itself for assemblies and classroom work at Dullstroom Primary & High School. We also had advance planning meetings for a **February 2012** visit to them.

2nd December - Gospel talk at an Interschool Concert held at Lyttleton. We really appreciated this **new opportunity** which flowed from a **new College** Ministry commenced only this last term. What a blessing **to serve** at this college. It is not easy to put into words the deep and **unexpected delight** of studying God`s Word and the **joy He gives** in ministry

Outreaches & Training continued

Puppet Training @CPBC with Marike Cooks in November. This was a useful and delightful training session. Marike put us at our ease and very quickly got us all practicing puppetry techniques. We are thankful to her.

CPBC-Sunday School - We were invited to their end of term party. We thanked God for the children as they reminded us once again that children are capable of learning scripture whilst they are still young. The children presented us with **12 Bibles bought from the coins** they collected each week.

9th December- Final bible message & closing ceremony at a local schools followed by commencement of the school holidays. The Principal/ Educators showed their appreciation by presenting us with **unexpected gifts**, as did a few other schools.

So- are we on holidays then? Not yet--- we have a lot of this year`s administration and next year`s planning to catch up on before we go on January 2012 Home Assignment in the UK.

We have travelled **thousands** of kilometres this year, many times towing a trailer. We **thank God** for the long term **trailer use** from **John & Denise Hocknell**.

Barberton again? Regretfully, we simply could **not squeeze** another visit in this term. Hopefully, we should be able to include a **follow up visit** with Pastor Thulani early next year.

SWYM Short Termers - Tim Phillips returns to the UK mid December. He has it in mind to return again.
Selina, a friend of Michelle & Jared Hunt will complete her short stay late December.

Sportsreach Team- Expected from the UK middle of February to early March 2012. Please pray that all their travel & ministry funds will come in and that they will greatly challenge the youth in South Africa through sports.

Praise/Prayer items

Praise God for the following:

*For health, safety & sustaining power throughout the year
For the required energy & finances to step out with God`s Gospel
For the many open doors and opportunities for ministry
That young people and adults are responding to the Word of God
For those who make and/or donate materials for SWYM schools
For people like you who pray, write books & give towards SWYM ministry*

Pray for the following events in January/February 2012

Our Home Assignment and exhibition at Carey Conference- UK. For SWYM presentations and Nick`s preaching engagements at various UK village churches
The Team and the On-going Schools` ministry in Southern Africa
That our vehicles will be made functional and roadworthy again
That someone will come forward to take over from Nick, the administration of the SWYM Correspondence Books
Tim`s possible return and help to Wilna & the Catering team at the Kempton Park African Pastors` Conference in January
UK Sportsreach Team with SWYM-mid February to early March
For on- going short and long term voluntary workers

*Friends, we thank you for your prayers, your practical support and for your financial contributions for the on-going & **growing** work of SWYM. Please be encouraged, God is at work in Southern Africa! Have a blessed Christmas & New Year.*



With our love & prayers, Nick and Sheila Court

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