



August 2012

Dear Family & Friends

SWYM Prayer Letter 44

## SWYM Schools

....Be strong in the Lord.... Ephesians 6:10

### UK Home Assignment

We are in awe of God's goodness to us. We have had two months away from South Africa. What a delightful time we had in the UK conducting church visitation, which meant giving **live reports** on the work of SWYM in Southern Africa. Nick **preached** in several of the smaller, local village churches and we made some very good contacts with future possibilities for short to medium term workers! Across the road from one historical church was "Latimer's House"- yes the same Hugh Latimer who was burnt at the stake together with Nicholas Ridley. Great **examples** of Christian witness! The other glad opportunity we had was to spend time with family, both in the UK and Canada. Those occasions are so special and we thank God for such precious gifts of time.

### Bloemfontein & Clarens Outreach

Upon returning to South Africa, we were **immediately** joined by my niece, **Carrie**, and her son **Callum**, (soon to be 13 years old), from Trowbridge, UK. They accompanied us for a visit to the **Bible Institute** in Cape Town and for **work** in Bloemfontein & Clarens.

Callum was able to **demonstrate** playing the **Recorder** to Learners and to assist Uncle Nick & me at Bloemfontein and Clarens. Joseph Mokena, Grietjie Fourie, Dinah & Violet are happily progressing the Schools` Ministry in Clarens through weekly visits. All **7 schools** were visited by the team as well as the Medical Clinic, Learning Disability Centre & Municipality Workers. Joseph reported that one of the younger Educators, a Deputy Principal, had **died unexpectedly** just before our arrival in Clarens. This Educator had always supported our work in the Assemblies and Classroom, often translating for us and urging the Learners to implement the SWYM training and bible teaching. **Joseph** was able to minister to the Learners as many of them came to him about the Educators` untimely death.



During our UK trip, **Ruth Phillips** did a marvellous job of covering two of our regular schools. She taught on the **Names of God** and as usual she had creative visual aids. Despite travel and family's ill health, Ruth kept the schools ministry going and we thank God for her stamina and dedication. We do have vacancies for **additional workers** and if your heart is moved to help in the Schools Ministry, or to develop such a ministry in your area, do not hesitate to contact us.

It was such an encouragement to hear how strong the inner city schools ministry is at this time. **Uncle Freddy**, when reporting to us was so animated and joyful about the work amongst Educators and Learners. He & **Aunty Gladys** continue faithfully in helping needy Learners with their Maths, English etc. Please pray that they will keep fresh, vibrant and joyful in ministry.

**Marge** in Durban and **Ronell** in Hennenman and **Leon** in Kempton Park, **all** remain excited about their ministries in the schools and prison. Please **pray for each one** as they labour in ministry.

## Outreaches & Training

### BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE BOOKS & ADMINISTRATION

**Anita Dekker** continues with this work very effectively. We are thankful for her able assistance. **Gayle** has commenced work on **another book** for the Bible Correspondence book series. She has been fully occupied managing the books and new systems for the **African Pastors` Conferences**.

We ourselves were **very encouraged** by our own welcome back into our local schools. We were blessed through small gifts and kindly words regarding the Bible teaching.

**Short Term** - Callum & Carrie, with some help from Irving`s cousin Joyce, filled up many pencil cases with goodies and stamped the Bibles bought through donations from Callum`s family & friends.

**Medium Term** - Tim Phillips returned to South Africa (3<sup>rd</sup> visit) through SWYM and was immediately given some practical work, shelving, for African Pastors Books. Do **pray** that he will find his time of service with SWYM and other local agencies very rewarding. Do remember to pray for him.

**Upcoming Events** - SWYM presentation on the local Schools` ministry at the ABK, Missionary evening, on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August

On-going Schools` Assemblies and Bible Clubs

Sola 5 Conference - 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> Sept in Swaziland

SWYM Trustees Meeting, 10<sup>th</sup> Sept

Hennenman Visit, 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Sept & Holiday Bible Club in October

### Praise/Prayer items

#### Praise God for the following:

For a blessed visit in the UK & Canada

For meeting our daily needs and for granting daily protection

The many encouragements received upon our return from other Workers, Educators & Learners

That the schools were pleased to welcome Ruth Phillips for schools` assemblies

For the local Clarens schools` team, and centres of excellence in the area

For the practical assistance and gifts through Carrie & Callum

For Tim`s arrival and willingness to help in established local ministries

#### Pray for the following events:

For on - going short and long term voluntary workers

For all upcoming events in September and October

That more Bible Correspondence books will be published as required

For personal good health, daily protection, wisdom & discernment

*Friends, we thank you for your prayers & support of us in ministry.*

**Be encouraged - God is at work in Southern Africa.**



With our love, prayers & grateful thanks, Nick and Sheila Court

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