



October 2012

Dear Family & Friends

SWYM Prayer Letter 45

Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

Outreaches

Clarens Outreach

We are truly thankful for blessed, delightful days of ministry. As we admired the Clarens majestic mountains, the beautiful sunsets and listened to the pouring rains, our hearts soared to heights of love, thankfulness and praise to our Creator God. The town of Clarens was celebrating their **100th birthday** and we were gifted with a week of Schools` ministry and Seminar, Managing Anger & Conflict for Tshepong Staff. It was a joy to hear the Children at Tshepong and in the schools, **singing** the bible verses taught in song. Also, to **see & hear** the Tshepong new choir and those **receiving piano & recorder lessons!**

Two young men who knew us whilst they were at Primary & High School accompanied Joseph, Dinah and ourselves, to conduct Assemblies at the Combined School. It was a lovely surprise and encouragement. They seemed keen to learn and we hope to see more of them in the future. The week in Clarens was certainly a highlight. We really appreciated the *welcome and hospitality* of the Organising team and the working together with the local schools` team.

Durban Visit

We were able to spend some time in Durban during the school holidays. We had the opportunity of catching up with Gordon & Marge Vice, both of whom conduct ministry in the **local prison**. They had another batch of SWYM correspondence books for future use with the prisoners.

It was also a privilege to attend **Grace Chapel** again after many years. We always remember their kindness to us and so it was heart - warming to see a growing congregation there. We met **George & Irene**, a young couple, experienced & keen for work in Christian ministry.

The **SWYM presentation** in August at the Afrikaans Baptiste Kerk, **Missionary evening** was fruitful – because since that evening, Pastor Ivor Jefferies has been helping with Assemblies at one of the nearby schools. May he long continue to share the gospel in the local schools.

September **Sola 5 Conference in Swaziland** - This was an opportunity for me to travel up with Pastor Irving and his cousin, Joyce, whilst Nick stayed at home to continue with our regular Schools Ministry.

Our **SWYM Trustees Meeting** in September was attended (in part) by Pastor Willem from our church (CPBC). He is keen to learn more about the work and scope of SWYM.

Hennenman Outreach - 12th to 15th September was a great success too! Ronell and we, together, came up with an *exciting idea* for a needy Farm School this November/December - **“Pak A Bag” project** - and Ronell has got the help of some other interested women in her local church! Relevant items will be packed into each bag designated for a boy or a girl learner. We met Malvin & Ronell’s Pastor and also attended their church service. Ronell also helps with their Sunday School. We pray that the simple **Christmas song**, written by Peter Beadle in the UK, will bring joy and understanding to the Farm School Learners and the Sunday School pre-schoolers in particular.



Cultural Celebration



Hennenman “Pak-a-Bag Project



Schools

Schools` Ministry

On the last day of term in October, we were **guests** at one of our local schools, who were **celebrating** Heritage (Cultural) Day. We **opened** the proceedings with scripture, bible story and prayer. The Educators, Learners and Parents were in great spirits as the hall was transformed with African scenes and a rich colourful display of cultural dances and songs.

Another school gave us **tickets** for their “Hooked on Books” presentation, which we enjoyed along with all the learners.

Nick & I were also privileged to accompany **Uncle Freddy & Gladys** to their inner city Schools` Assemblies and to take part in the early mornings Educators` Devotions led by Uncle Freddy. Educators welcomed us again and we are thankful for the faithful, weekly ministry of Gladys & Freddy. Gladys has many opportunities for *one to one* evangelism with Learners and Educators.

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE BOOKS & ADMINISTRATION

Gayle has **completed** work on **another book** for the Bible Correspondence book series, which **Anita** Dekker administrates effectively, whilst managing her own business. She has a real passion for this ministry

SWYM UPCOMING EVENTS

On-going Schools` Ministry

Visually Speaking Training Seminar

Trauma Counselling

SWYM Thanksgiving Service @ Constantia Park Baptist Church -24th November

Praise/Prayer items

Praise God for the following:

For travelling mercies, daily needs and daily protection

For a wonderful & blessed week of ministry at Clarens

For the “Pak A Bag” project which is well underway in Hennenman

For the additional Durban trip

Pray for the following events:

For on - going short and long term voluntary workers

For all those doing bible teaching in the schools & prisons

For the SWYM Thanksgiving Service @ CPBC

That more Bible Correspondence books will be written & published

For Nick & Sheila`s on- going study & Training seminars

Friends, we truly covet your prayers and thank you for your sacrificial support of us in ministry.

Be encouraged - God is at work in South Africa.



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

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