

Dear Family & Friends



*“They saw the young child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him” Matthew 2:11. We pray that you would know the perfect peace the Christmas season brings, to those who welcome Jesus as their Saviour, Lord & King.*

### Schools

Give thanks with us for another full year of Schools` Ministry. It really was a delight to end the term with the **‘I AM’** sayings of Jesus in the schools. Nick & I well remember Sue Fearon for her coaching & writing skills when we first taught these sayings of Jesus in the UK schools. We were again **invited** to commence School Merit Award celebrations with prayers & Bible teaching. Many **parents** took the opportunity to greet us, as they had heard about our Bible Stories from their children. Pastor **Ivor** Jefferies & **Ruth** Phillips remain an integral part of the local schools` ministry.

Uncle Freddy, Aunty Gladys & Leon completed assemblies, remedial teaching and **end of term** activities for the year. Nick & I introduced **“Uncle” Randy** to Freddy & Gladys and they quickly jelled as a team and have just gone on with leaps & bounds.

It was a **privilege** for Nick & me to return to Mamelodi for a **special** assembly, and to take Uncle Randy, his wife **Susan and their 5 children** with us. We were able to see the **Prefects**, whom we had trained in **Leadership**, in action, before & during the assembly. The **welcome** was overwhelmingly warm & appreciative.

In Hennenman, Ronell completed her **Pak A Bag** project for the Farm school children with the help of other ladies from her church. That **project** really is a success and no doubt her Sunday school Christmas concert will also end well.



Mamelodi Special Assembly



“Uncle” Randy and family

### Biblical Counselling Service

For all of October & November, we have been involved in training. Firstly, Nick & I were on a pre-Biblical Counselling course run by Strengthening Ministries Training Institute (SMTI) organised by Lynnwood Baptist Church. With much thought & prayers, we have both applied to take the **two year programme** at Master’s Degree level. We know that if accepted on the programme, the next two years will be very demanding academically & otherwise.

During November, I, Sheila was invited by the Centre Manager of Bethany Baptist Church Crisis Pregnancy Service to attend specialised training. The training terminated with an Exam and some practical experience for me, straight away. In between our SWYM Ministry, the **Crisis Training** and Exam at the end, I was fully occupied, but with able help & support from Nick, all was successfully **achieved**. That is team work!

## Outreaches

On 17<sup>th</sup> November, Nick & I travelled in convoy with a team from 1Hope to Modimolle. The purpose? - To facilitate `Visually Speaking` training at a local church. Representatives from other churches in Modimolle were present. It was a hot day but we were all supplied with enough cold water, and an unexpected and delicious cooked lunch. **Delegates** were participative and questions flowed - which kept us busy and our toes!



We were able to give a live, impromptu demonstration of how we might tell a Bible Story by doing Jesus said `I AM the good Shepherd` to all the children who were present. It was a **live lesson** all right, because I had a little boy right in front of me who was prone to nudge the other little one beside him. I had to use my skills to keep all their attention in the mid-day heat, but in particular the attention of this little boy!

After the training, the Pastor asked if we might return next year as there are many more churches & people in the area that could benefit from the training. Watch this space!

## SWYM Thanksgiving Service

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November, we held our Annual Thanksgiving Service at Constantia Park Baptist Church. A good number of unexpected folks attended. All those who took part in the programme, like the Moms & Tots and the Lehman`s Children made it a **God honouring** and truly blessed occasion.

## Praise/Prayer items

### Praise God for the following:

A blessed year of gospel opportunities in the Schools, Bible Clubs and Bible Correspondence Course Training Events & Seminars, like Visually Speaking, Child Protection & Team Building Outreaches to Clarens - where there is growing, local team work For Short term helpers during the year The successful launch of Pak A Bag Project in Hennenman Good health, strength, financial & travelling mercies

### Pray for the following events in January/February 2013

The return of the Schools in January and the teaching on `Life of Paul` Biblical Counselling Studies in February The return of SportsReach team to SWYM in February New workers, new partnerships and new opportunities in 2013

***Friends, we want to thank you for your prayers, your input and sacrificial support of us in ministry throughout 2012 and beyond. Do be encouraged - for God is at work in South Africa.***

With our love & prayers for a blessed Christmas and New Year  
Nick & Sheila

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