



Dear Family & Friends

PSALM 20:7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

Greetings

It has been a long time since we last wrote to you. What have we been doing? As usual, rather a lot - for which we thank the Lord who does all things well. I shall highlight a few activities for you.

USA – Pennsylvania April Visit

Nick & I were privileged to stay with Tedd & Margy Tripp - Authors of *Shepherding A Child’s Heart*. What delightful hospitality we experienced with and through these kind folks! Real country style- you do not have to lock & bolt your house or car doors there. Apart from the Tripp’s giving us their personal time on spiritual and practical matters, they arranged for us to spend time with Kelly & Julie Knowlden. Part of our time was spent observing the Principal, (Mr Knowlden), Staff & Pupils at Immanuel Christian School, (ICS). We were able to observe the principles of *Shepherding a Child’s heart* in action. We also visited Shepherds Press, a publishing house, where we received a box of free books!



Training with the Tripp’s

Flying High

ICS Staff meeting

ICS Classroom

Other delights & surprises included an aeroplane flight over the Hazelton area; visiting some of the attractions of New York, and meeting with some of Sheila’s family whom we had not seen for nearly two decades.

Whilst in New York, we attended Sunday service at the church where Tim Keller is one of the Pastors. It was interesting to see how this church welcomes so many visitors and we were blessed by the preaching of the word and the fellowship afterwards.

Following our memorable USA journey, we arrived in the **UK for our usual deputation** or church visitation. This involved Nick preaching in some of the smaller village churches, (some several hundred years old), both taking ladies meetings, children’s clubs, church prayer meetings, etc. - all with bible talks and SWYM presentations. We were blessed through the generosity and kindness of God’s people as we met with them. We were equally encouraged to hear and to see how God is moving and growing His people in other UK churches.

Accommodation, transport, equipment, hospitality, etc. were all generously taken care of for us. Some ladies & family members have really embraced the Pak A Bag project and have volunteered to make bags, and some have donated “goodies” to fill the bags.



Badgers Club

Post meeting chat

Post meeting cuppa

Strengthening Ministries Training Institute (SMTI)

Even though we were away from Lynnwood Baptist Church, Pretoria, for the second module of the studies for the SMTI programme – Methods of Biblical Counselling, we were able to “participate” as we viewed a set of DVD’s of the lectures. However, we still have much to do to catch up – reading and completing assignments in the Course notes. The next module is due to be in August – hopefully, we should have caught up by then.

Short Term Missionaries

We are delighted to announce that from July to August 2013 that SWYM will have 4 short term helpers. Emily & Victoria are coming to us through Grace Baptist Mission and Helen Cobbald is coming to us through Crosslinks. Matthew Thomas is from Emmanuel Evangelical Church, Chippenham but attends Widcombe Church in Bath when at University. Please pray that all 4 young people will find true joy in serving the Lord, in another culture, and that they will grow in their faith from this cross cultural ministry experience. They have had to make big financial sacrifices to come out to South Africa. Do remember them in your prayers.

Medium Term Missionaries

From September, David Cornes will be joining SWYM for 10 months of ministry. Do remember this young man too that he will have the right level of support and prayers from a good number of people. We are excited in SWYM about these short to medium term Helpers and thank God for sending them to SWYM.

Praise/Prayer items

Praise God for the following:

For such a blessed visit to the Tripp’s, and the priceless information gained
For the Schools` Ministry being covered by Ruth Phillips & Pastor Ivor Jefferies whilst on UK deputation
Sheila`s newly diagnosed Type 2 diabetes led to early treatment AND an unplanned longer stay in the UK

Pray for the following events in June/July and beyond

For Short Term Workers from the UK – Emily, Victoria, Matthew and Helen
For the Children’s Programme at Skogheim Conference
Another Clarens outreach in July with our Short Term Workers Team
Our on-going Schools` Ministry and Biblical Counselling Studies in 2013

Friends, we want to thank you for your recent hospitality and practical support both in the USA & UK, for your prayers, your input and sacrificial giving to us in ministry.

Do be encouraged - for God is at work in South Africa.

With our love & prayers

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