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SWYM Prayer Letter 50

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.

Medium Termers- David Cornes

Greetings! It has been a while since our last newsletter and it is a privilege to be reporting again. Since David's arrival in September, we have been exceptionally blessed with ministry opportunities. I will highlight just some of our activities. David, age 20, is from St James Church on the Isle of Wight. He came to us through Crosslinks, a SWYM ministry partner, and is here until July 2014. David engages well with the youth and he is much appreciated by all ages. His ministry involves doing Assemblies at both large & small schools; Bible Clubs at schools and at Church; and Q & A sessions with the seniors at one particular school.

David is also serving at **Lynwood Baptist Church**, where we are presently worshipping and helping with the Sunday School & Crèche. He works in support of the Elders with responsibilities for the Youth, Young Adults and Administration. On Tuesdays, he leads the Young Adults Bible Studies. Currently, they are working through a Discipleship Course. In October, David **launched** a new mid-week Bible Club for ages 10 to 16 years and that Club has really taken off. He is working through 'Two Ways to Live'. David is quietly influencing and encouraging others to attend and to serve in evangelistic outreaches.

Holiday Bible Clubs & Outreaches

In September, we facilitated a second Holiday Bible Club at **Lynwood Baptist Church**, building upon the earlier one done by the Short Termers in July. It was a joy! A whole lot more children attended as we linked forces with **Living Hope Church (LHC)**. This time, Sheila was busy with the Bible Verse & Singing; Nick with the Crafts; David with the games; and the Clarks' family from LHC bravely took on the Registration, singing 'Puppet House & Newsflash' each day. We missed our earlier short termers, Mathew, Helen, Emily & Victoria and we gave thanks for each one, as we remembered their previous help.

David accompanied Pastor Sybrand and other church members to Modimolle Township where he led the Youth Programme whilst Pastor Sybrand did the preaching. It was particularly encouraging to see some of LBC young & not so young, stepping out in missions.

Clarens Outreach

Clarens - Apart from attending all the schools for Assemblies and Bible Clubs with Joseph & Dinah, we worked at Tshepong each afternoon with the children. We also facilitated two mornings of **seminars** at Tshepong. The Staff were very receptive to '**The Young Peacemaker- Managing Conflict God's Way**'. We were also invited to Clarens Primary School Concert and their 100th Anniversary Celebrations. Meanwhile, David was back at base working with all our local schools and LBC ministry.

SWYM Schools' Ministry

David, Nick & I share the schools ministry, which means that on some mornings we can readily cover more than one school. Ruth Phillips remains on 'stand by' to help out with Assemblies whenever she can too.

Nearing the end of year, we have been special guests at some schools, opening with scripture at their Concerts & Merit Mornings. Many parents & relatives were keen to engage with us in conversation.

The **Bible Club** at Aston Manor, launched by **Helen** from Crosslinks, is well established. We also have more Assembly bookings there.

SWYM Bible Correspondence Course

Anita Dekker reported enormous growth this year in the use of correspondence books in the prisons. She is administratively sound and effective with everything involved, like printing, postage, record keeping, translation into Afrikaans, etc. However, she is **in need** of a new PRINTER for this work. Do *pray* for a new printer..

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CRÈCHE –

Now that David is familiar with all the schools, Nick is able to step back a bit there, and concentrate more on his writing of the '1689 Baptist Confession of Faith' for Sunday School lessons.

David & Rosemary both help with the Sunday School teaching and the feedback is encouraging. It is quite a challenge to make **BIG Doctrinal Truths** understandable to Pre-schoolers and Primary School age children. Recently, we taught on 'God's Decrees' and God's Providence.

The programme for **Crèche** is also encouraging, as the children have settled very quickly to the routine and the teaching. Thank you to all who helped me from the UK with my "Sunday School & crèche research". The children really do enjoy learning biblical truths. At first it was a challenge for me and I have grown from the process.

SMTI - Strengthening Ministries Training Institute continues at LBC, and Nick & I have had opportunities to put into practice our Counselling Course learning. We **counselled a couple** who had experienced trauma, and are truly thankful to Dr. Wayne Mack & Pastor Sybrand for their teaching. We have just finished 'Christian Life Issues', based on Pilgrim's Progress. Dr Mack did such an eye opening session on the **Celestial City** that it caused me to look forward to heaven even more!

PAK-A-BAG SCHEME & BIBLES

A BIG Thank you to all who are making this project possible. The **Bags, with goodies, donated by St Mellons Church, in Wales and Ladyfield Evangelical Church, Chippenham**, went towards the **neediest** children in some of the schools we work in. We also purchased **much needed** new balls, games and hula hoops for general Bible Club use. We have also been able to **give out Bibles** again to many Grade 7's, (Leavers).

Praise/Prayer items

Praise God for the following:

For David and his ministry to SWYM & Lynnwood Baptist Church

The on-going Pak-A- Bag scheme and the needed resources, like the actual bags and goodies

The opportunity for Nick to write and for us to teach the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith to the Children at LBC

For the growing Prison Ministry & the Courts' many Training Seminars for adults

For Nick's good health & stamina to work steadily, especially when Sheila was unwell on two occasions



Pray for the following:

Our Botswana - Gaborone Training Opportunity from 15th to 17th Nov

For Grade 7's/Leavers Specials & Sunday school Special

For Schools 'end of term prize giving specials

For clarity in Nick's writing and our teaching of the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith

That full time and long term workers may join SWYM

Our UK Deputation in December/January and time with our families

We truly covet the prayers of All God's people, everywhere! May you have a blessed Christmas & New Year. Do be encouraged - for God is at work in South Africa.

With our love & prayers

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