



Dear Family & Friends

Psalm 107:1”Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever”

Introduction

South Africans went to the Polls on 7th May. Many of our Schools were used as Polling Stations. The counting is over and the results are out. No change in Government.

It is our 10th year of voluntary, missionary service in South Africa, Praise God! As we return to the UK, we are doing so without the next 3 years visas inserted into our passports. However, our applications for visa extensions have been submitted for processing at the Germiston Home Affairs Office. We are patiently waiting! What’s next? We have Church Visitation/ Deputation booked in the UK for May, June & July. In South Africa, David Cornes is covering SWYM work until the 4th August 2014, when he travels back to the UK. Our desire is to return to South Africa and continue with the work of SWYM. We steadfastly look to the Lord, who is Sovereign and Faithful to all His people.

Early days - 2004



Rainbow Club - 2004



Family Visitors - Sam & Leila Sinnen from Vancouver, Canada

My sister & brother in law visited South Africa for the first time. They both helped Nick with the practical work of making SWYM accommodation warmer & more attractive. They painted walls, washed & rehung blinds & curtains and added colour by putting up attractive pictures of Canada. We thank God for giving us precious moments with our loved ones.



Sam & Leila at work



Outside the finished “home”



LBC Holiday Bible Club 2014 – Group photo

Lynnwood Baptist Church

April- Holiday Bible Club -We will let the picture above speak of the kids that attended. The Bible teaching was on “Homes Jesus visited in Luke Street”. We were greatly helped with the associated crafts & refreshments by Michelle, Hanno & Zelda from LBC.

Wednesday Youth Group- David is seeing spiritual growth amongst the youth and that encourages him to add more holiday activities like a Hike, Sleep Over/Camp at LBC and Young Adults Camp at Kruger.

SMTI studies in May/June (Strengthening Ministries Training Institute)

Although Dr Mack & Mrs Mack are both in the USA for medical reasons, Ps Sybrand and an able team of godly men are continuing these studies. We, ourselves, have greatly benefitted from this training.

At **Sunday School**, the children continue with lessons from the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith. David & Rosemary will be teaching and Nick will be emailing weekly lessons across to them, from the UK.

Crèche Ministry -More Helpers have been trained up and they delight with advance preparations of bible teaching & crafts for the children. The rewards are enormous, as the young ones respond to the Crèche routines, bible teaching & songs.

SWYM Training

Visually Speaking Seminars

A couple of churches were represented at this seminar in April. It was a privilege to cascade training to potential & current Sunday School & Youth Workers in Gauteng. The Young Peacemaker sessions were also appreciated by the young people who regularly attended classes at Tshepong, in Clarens

SWYM Bible Correspondence Course

Anita Dekker quietly manages this ministry. She is never put off when envelopes of study materials are returned from the prisons, for she simply resends, so the prisoners can benefit from their individual bible studies.

SWYM Schools` Ministry

SWYM Schools` Ministry & Clarens Outreach

It has been a solid term of ministry within the schools. David has had many of the Learners from a Mamelodi School attend the Wednesday Youth Group at Lynnwood Baptist Church, (LBC). Uncle Freddy, Leon & Ronell all continue with their schools` ministry. We thank God for long & continued open doors for the gospel. Our **March** visit to Clarens to assist Joseph was a great & rewarding time. Learners were keen to demonstrate bible teaching by reciting bible verses & singing associated bible songs. Nick, Joseph & I enjoyed bible teaching and crafts at a town school. The Educators & Learners encourage us with feedback on our work amongst them and some who have long finished at the local schools make a point of speaking to us whenever they see us on the streets of Clarens and around the area. Some are active in local churches.

PAK-A-BAG PROJECT & BIBLES

It was a big delight to give out Bibles and these bags packed with goodies to the Farm Schools and some bags/goodies at the Town schools. It was most encouraging to see the Learners at one farm school all using their bags, which they had previously received. The beautifully sewn bags, filled with pens, pencils, toothbrushes, knitted hats & gloves, knitted puppets & clothing were all gladly received. Amazingly, the finger puppets were a BIG hit amongst the younger children, in particular.

Praise/Prayer Items

Praise God for the following:

For a full term of rewarding ministry in the schools

For the hundreds of Learners who have received Bibles & Pak -A- Bags

The joy of cascading training to adults & young people alike

LBC- For the Holiday Bible Club, Biblical Counselling, Youth Group, Sunday School & Crèche

For a time of working together, relaxation and precious moments with Sam & Leila Sinnen, from Canada

For God`s amazing grace, His blessing of peace & contentment as we await the visa application outcome

Pray for the following:

For our visa application outcome & God`s clear leading in the days ahead

For David, Leon, Freddy, Joseph, Ronell & Ruth as they take the Gospel into the Primary, Intermediate & High Schools throughout South Africa

That David will work diligently & effectively for SWYM & LBC during our time in the UK

For Nick & I to have safe journeying mercies as we travel to & from churches in the UK

That long term & short term workers may join SWYM

We truly covet the prayers of All God`s people, everywhere!

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

With our love & prayers

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