



July 2014

Dear Family & Friends

SWYM Prayer Letter 54

***Philippians 4:11 - I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content***

**NICK & SHEILA COURT  
10 YEARS  
IN SOUTH AFRICA  
BY GOD'S GRACE**



*Introduction*

The months are drifting by and **`waiting`** has been our constant companion. **“Waiting”** has become our tutor & friend. We have been in a state of **“waiting”** for the results of our application for our visa extensions in South Africa. We have learnt that the way we view our circumstances is more important than the circumstances themselves. The Apostle Paul reinforces this attitude, for he was content when he was in prison, beaten or shipwrecked. How come? Paul drew his ultimate satisfaction from God. In these past months, we have been learning too to be at peace or to be contented with our own God ordained circumstances.

The news of the new Immigration Act in South Africa, and the interpretation of this Act, is impacting a great many people, including those who have a gospel heart for the nation of South Africa, and the desire for missionary work there. As the months have drifted by, we have had to switch our thinking to the high probability that we may not get our visas renewed for a further 3 years. **Please continue to pray** for continued wisdom & guidance for us.

It is our intention to return to SA in September, on a Tourist Visa, to find out the reasons for the silence on our application. Meanwhile, we *wait* upon the Lord to show us His way and His place for future ministry. Whilst content to *wait* upon the Lord, we long to see the learners, friends and colleagues in South Africa. We delight in remembering and praying for you.

We **thank God** for the fervent prayers of so many of the church family worldwide.

*Church Visitation*

Since our arrival back in the UK we have been engaged in church visitation, where we have been sharing about the work of SWYM in SA. You have not been far from our thoughts as we speak of 10 years of gracious ministry in South Africa. Many of you, including a number of elderly Christians, have encouraged us by your on-going interest & prayers in our visa status.

It is fitting for us to **acknowledge** the gifts, kindness & hospitality shown to us by so many believers here in the UK. You have been a tremendous blessing to us.

*Praise/Prayer items*

**Praise God for the following:**

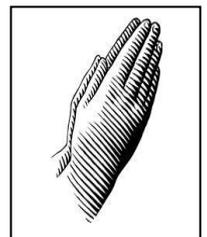
For the warmth and support of Christians in the UK & SA

For God's peace & contentment in uncertain times

**Pray for the following:**

For our return to South Africa in September, and for God's clear direction in the days ahead

For all those who are involved in the Schools` Ministry & Bible Correspondence Books in SA



***We truly covet the worldwide prayers of God's people. Be encouraged - for God is at work. He has graciously given us His peace as we wait upon Him.***

*With our thanks, love & prayers, Nick & Sheila*

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