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SWYM Prayer Letter 59

Dear Family & Friends

♥ 1Corinthians:13:7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things ♥

Introduction

Allow me to plunge right in - The last weeks have been incredible busy for us. But what a blessed time it has been. Despite health setbacks for me, and surprisingly for Nick also, we have managed to keep all our engagements. Do continue **to pray** for my health and Nick`s health too.

Holiday Bible Club @ Lynnwood Baptist Church

Late March - The children just loved Bible Club! Two parents tried to persuade us to have bible club all through the holidays. A few listened in on the teaching. They reported that their children looked forward to club and were keen to repeat the Bible Verses, sing the songs and making the crafts. That was most encouraging to all of us and to Michelle who prepared and taught the crafts.

Clarens Outreach

Nick was able to do two important things in readiness for Clarens. He bought a much needed **Data Projector**, and he took our **vehicle to the garage** and they got rid of the terrible noise our vehicle was making, PLUS another piece of equipment which the **mechanic had thrown in the bin**, as he could not think **what it was for**, or where in the engine, it had come from! It was the **Lord who led Nick** to look inside the engine compartment before he drove away from the garage, and he noticed the missing part! With that divine intervention, ministry went smoothly in Clarens. Our friends there made us very **welcome** with **gifts of meat, fruits, vegetables etc.** We ate well, and had many invites for meals. We did 4 **Visually Speaking Training** Seminars, plus **daily sessions** with the Tshepong Children. We **were blessed** when some of the Adults being trained for work with Children & Youth, said they were from Clarens High School, and **one is now at university**. They shared with Nick **their appreciation** of past & present Bible Assemblies, and Classroom & Leadership Training with them. Nick visited Joseph`s **Sunday School**, and did some work on his own, **or with Joseph**, when I became unwell. I was so sorry to miss out on the Training Seminars, for I do enjoy training. I went down again with dizziness/ inner ear infection. By the way, my Sciatica pains have cleared up for the time being! What a relief! **Susanna Clarke** stayed with us in Clarens for nearly a week. She is back in the UK. Please **pray** that God will show her **His perfect will** for ministry in SA, in the months ahead.

Pak-A- Bags

This time, Nick was able to get a few pictures of bags being given out at Joseph`s Church, and at a Farm School, both in Clarens. (*Often, these are discreetly given out*). Some bags are earmarked for Leon & one of his Farm Schools. All these were gladly received and we **thank you very much** for keeping this ministry going. A Principal shared how much these gifts have meant to his Learners and the School. Pictured below with Sheila

Schools` Ministry

It is always a joy to take the Gospel Message into the various schools though we do not go weekly, into each school. Staff and individuals, like **Leon, Freddy and Joseph** go regular into their own schools. Other people who have received Training have caught a vision for the Schools Ministry and work in their own local schools through their own churches. The feedback is always encouraging from former Learners who often seek us to tell us of the benefits of our Assemblies and of their present involvement in their local Church or Sunday school.



Pak A Bags for Church



and Schools



Adult Training in Clarens



Some from University & High School



Holiday Bible Club Crafts - Great Fun!!



Sunday School @ LBC



Whilst we are in the UK, Hanno will be teaching the remaining Lessons on **Understanding the Heart**, (based on Tedd Tripp’s Books) in Sunday School. He enjoys teaching too and engages with the young people every enthusiastically. Our Visually Speaking Training @ LBC was an enjoyable morning for us and well appreciated by the representatives from three churches.

Biblical Counselling @ LBC

We are going to miss these classes by Dr. Wayne Mack, during our time away but there are such a good number attending classes that they may not notice we are in the UK. But absent or present in SA, we have assignments to do!

SWYM Bible Correspondence Books

Pray for **Anita** as she faithfully sends out and receives for marking, a bulk of responses each week, mostly from the Prisons. Pray that she will have **wisdom** to handle their queries and **stamina** to keep going with this work, despite having a family and a business.

Writing Ministry



Yes - we are heads down with *no speaking* in the “classroom”. As I write, Nick is busy completing a **Biblical Counselling Assignment**. I finished this assignment, whilst Nick was busy writing a few chapters of a book to send to a Publisher. It should complement a book written by Dr Mack on *Your Family-God’s Way*. Nick is writing on **Communication- God’s Way** and it is for teenagers. Now- he is catching up on homework assignments!



Future Plans

Ministry continues: We arrive back in the UK on the 16th May and we immediately have a few quiet or non -appointment days booked. Unfortunately, it cannot be all quiet or rest as **previously hoped**, as Nick has some **sermons to complete** and a **SWYM power point**, to put together.

After which, we should be **ready** to commence Church Visitation, in between getting our car serviced & functioning, medical check- ups, dentals etc.

We will continue to write our **assignments** on Biblical Counselling in the UK and plan to **complete** the Book on Communication, **before our return** date to South Africa, in August. We are looking forward to getting much work done and to continue with SWYM Ministry during our UK visit. Pray that our **visits together** will be uplifting and God honoring and that we might both be kept physically and spiritually buoyant.

Praise/Prayer items

Praise God for the following:

For the commencement of another manuscript- **Communication - God’s Way**
For God given discipline and motivation to write and meet all ministry commitments
Blessing the Children & Parents at Holiday Bible Club
All the Schools that appreciate the Gospel
Another blessed visit in Clarens, with the Teaching, Training Seminars & Pak -A- Bags given out
For engaging with God’s Word through the Biblical Counselling Training & Assignment completions
The wisdom & support of all SWYM Trustees-both in the UK and in South Africa
The prayers, friendships and support of God’s people, everywhere



Pray for the following:

That the **three** Manuscripts might be accepted for publication, in due course
For godly wisdom as we write on **Communication-God’s Way**
That we might use our time effectively in the UK for Church Visitation, Book Writing & Assignments
That the decisions made at the SWYM AGM on 28th April in SA, will bear good fruit
Wisdom for all SWYM Trustees, in SA & UK
How **we thank you** for the on - going **prayers, material & financial support** of us over the 10 years! And we truly covet the prayers of God’s people, everywhere. Be encouraged - for God is at work in South Africa. Glory to His Name!
With our love, thanks & prayers - Nick & Sheila

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