



July 2015

SWYM Prayer Letter 60

Dear Family & Friends



2 Kings 6:16 - He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

TERROR IN TUNISIA

The above verse was our daily reading and main Bible verse on Friday 26th June in Sousse, Tunisia. Less than three hours later, that verse was to become our shield and defence for protection. Nick & I had taken the opportunity to take a special deal trip to Sousse for our 30th Wedding Anniversary. We had in fact celebrated our anniversary with a tasty dinner the night before. However, on that unforgettable Friday morning in beautiful Sousse, we were to repeat the verse - "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

This verse reminded us that God is able to protect us, as we ran for the cover of safety, just as He had protected His prophet Elisha and his servant from the attacking Syrian Army.

The next few days were to seem surreal, as we sought to return to the UK, ASAP and to mourn the loss of fellow holiday makers. We were able through the hotel Wi-Fi to send SOS information and prayer requests out. We thank God for the prayers, enquiries and support of family and friends. In all of this, we have praise for Thomson Airline, Thomson Support Team, Scotland Yard Team and numerous Volunteers who all helped to make our evacuation from Tunisia and arrival back into the UK as sympathetic and “stress free” as possible.

HOME & CHURCH VISITATION

Nick & I had arrived in the UK mid - May with church visits arranged for the next 3 months. In between, we had our medical check - ups and we were declared fit & healthy, Even the car was pronounced fit for service, following its legally required MOT test & service. With SWYM power-point, children`s talk and sermons in place, we were both ready for the round of church visitation.

As I write, this is on-going and we have delighted in meeting church friends and participating in village events like the Scarecrow Walk and Cream Tea in Kington Langley, Leonora Anniversary Celebrations, with nice cakes and the Atworth Strawberry Cream Tea & SWYM presentation!

All a delight and enjoyed in true British sunshine! Yes - I know - a lot has been mentioned about physical food above, and not all the healthy stuff, but the spiritual food - God`s Word has been a feast throughout! Praise God!

Nick is busier this time, as he has more preaching engagements on this deputation/church visitation trip. The friendly support of God`s people in ALL our church visits has been overwhelming and for that blessing, we thank you!

WRITING MINISTRY

A Question you may well ask. “Did the aforementioned cream teas prevent you from writing?” I hesitate because there is a “yes & no” answer. We completed writing our Biblical Counselling assignments, as planned, in July. This took determined & focused commitment to get done. We were greatly helped by being able to use the Café and rooms at Ladyfield Church for concentrated periods of work.

Then Nick threw in getting some of his own drawing illustrations (*along with Nelson Matsie`s*) and artwork into our first 5 SWYM Bible Correspondence Books ready for publishing. That left him slightly behind, but not abandoned, with writing further chapters on Communication - God`s Way. But wait a minute- He has bounced back on target! Yes - with faster internet facilities - we have enjoyed doing our assignments and writing manuscript chapters. Do pray that these books will be out and available soon.

PAK-A-BAG

We have collected quite a number of goodies, like knitted finger puppets for the Pak- A- Bag scheme. Not a scrap of wool is allowed to go to waste - instead, these are busily being made into finger puppets by women who love to knit and natter (talk) at the same time. We are so pleased that we have been able to maintain this project because of so many of you, but especially so by the Ladies' Group at Caersalem Chapel, St Mellons, Wales.

The ladies have delighted us with their togetherness in purpose and their industrious sewing skills. The proof was in the big number of bags made for South Africa. The recipients – children in need - will be so pleased. Pictures far right below

Traditional Scarecrow Walk -
Kington Langley Village Common

Atworth Church - Strawberry Tea
& SWYM Presentation



Praise/Prayer items

Praise God for the following:

That God's Word was ready on our lips and hearts in Tunisia, on Friday 26th June
For safety and peace during a time of terror in Tunisia
The joy of serving God and fellowshiping with other believers
For sustaining freshness in keeping church visits and SWYM presentations
The opportunity for seeing family members, and for rest & relaxation
Keeping writing and assignment commitments
The gift of friendship and support in ministry



Pray for the following:

That the Manuscripts might be published and available soon
For godly wisdom as we write assignments and more chapters on **Communication - God's Way**
That we might use our remaining time effectively in the UK and upon our return to South Africa
That all decisions made for and on behalf of SWYM will be effective & God honouring
Continue to pray for wisdom for all SWYM Trustees, in the UK & RSA
Truly, we thank you for your prayers, material & financial support of us over the 11 years! We again covet the prayers of God's people, everywhere. Be encouraged - for God is at work in South Africa.
With our love, thanks & prayers - Nick & Sheila

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