

Dear Family & Friends

November 2017
Prayer Letter 5

Luke 19: 10 The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost



Introduction ♥

The Bible verse above reminds us of the amazing work God did to save us. From the time sin came into the world, through Adam & Eve, God went to great lengths to restore our broken relationship with Him by sending His one and only Son to “seek and to save the lost.” Let us be thankful this Christmas time that God took extreme measures to reclaim our fellowship with Him, by sending Jesus. Without the birth of Jesus, and without His willingness to die to pay the price for our sin and to bring us to God, we would have nothing to celebrate at Christmas. (Quote, Daily Bread 2017)



South African Visit ♥

Nick and I returned from our short term South African Ministry trip at the end of October. We were blessed to see the work that had begun over a decade ago was continuing today by God’s grace. And without the kindness and support of so many people the trip would not have been possible. We thank you most sincerely for all the contributions made towards our trip, both in the UK and in South Africa.

Transport and Accommodation ♥

We were overjoyed by the provision of transport, (3 different vehicles), and safety in travelling over 2,500 miles without accident or incident, including avoiding floods, tornadoes, and giant hailstones!



VEHICLES PROVIDED



PROTECTED FROM ADVERSE WEATHER

We acknowledge God’s kind provision to us through His people. Vehicles and accommodation made it possible to travel, to visit schools, to see and encourage God’s servants and to deliver all the donated goods, including the Pak –A- Bags to children in need.

Two encouraging testimonies from Uncle Freddy:-

**A child who had received one of the donated cloth bags wanted to thank Uncle Freddy. She brought her bag to Uncle Freddy, showed the bible verses that had been placed inside the bag and then she proceeded to recite the verses accurately to him.*

**A Teacher from one of Uncle Freddy’s regular schools had moved to another area. One day, she rang him to say that she had become a Christian and wanted Uncle Freddy to know. They rejoiced in the Lord together.*

SWYM Bible Correspondence Course ♥ ♥

Anita Dekker had asked us to pray urgently that that she might have a replacement person to take over the SWYM Bible Correspondence Course and Prison Ministry from her. We want to thank you for praying and to share how God graciously answered that specific prayer. We were so thankful that we were actually in South Africa at the time of Anita`s urgent request and that we could share this need with our friends and supporters. And our Heavenly Father answered by putting it in the heart of Nelson & Rosemary Matsie to take up this ministry task. Please pray that God will give them many encouragements as they serve Him.



Anita – handing over Correspondence Ministry



Nelson and Rosemary Matsie

Praise/Prayer items

Praise God for the following:

For the warmth of welcome & hospitality from God`s people in RSA
For transport and safe journeying mercies throughout our visit
For the specific answers to prayers in the provision of Nelson & Rosemary, who took over the Correspondence Course Ministry from Anita Dekker
That the printing of the Course Books will be funded from RSA
For Anita`s faithful service over the years



Pray for the following:

That Freddy, Leon & Joseph will not become weary in the Schools` Ministry. All of them have big responsibilities as Pastors and Elders in their own churches
That Nelson & Rosemary will have wisdom in the administration of the Correspondence Course
That the SWYM Resource Books will prove helpful to Youth Workers

With our grateful thanks, love & prayers

Nick & Sheila

Be encouraged; God is so good and He is at work in South Africa



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