

November 2018  
Prayer Letter 6

Dear Family & Friends

*When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Matthew 9:36*



## Introduction



Our world suffers not only from physical needs but also from spiritual darkness. Jesus came as the Light of the world to meet that need, and He challenges each of us to join Him in this work. Let us pray that the Lord will raise up more workers to respond to the needs around the world, especially this Christmas time. We realise that our trip to South Africa, later this month and up to February 2019, will be our **last official visit** in support of SWYM in South Africa. We want to **thank you all** for meeting **our** needs through your practical and financial support, love and prayers over the years.



## What have we been up to?



**Psalm 90:17** Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

We have had the privilege and blessing of leading fortnightly Bible Studies within our residential complex. Presently, Nick and Colin are going through The Lord's Prayer in depth, and we have particularly appreciated afresh this pattern for prayer. All too often we go to God with our own needs on top of the list, yet we are to pray not just for ourselves but for others in need - "Give **us** this day our daily bread." *PRAY that each one in the bible study group will come to trust in Jesus Christ for personal Salvation, and that we will live each day in obedience, and in love, praise and worship of Him.*

Apart from the fortnightly Bible Studies, Nick and I **share responsibility** with another couple for *Safeguarding* at our church, and as a team we have been leading *training seminars* within our church. We are also on a rota for teaching *Sunday School*, and we generally help out wherever we can in outreach ministries, like *Holiday Bible Club* and *Christianity Explored*. Our *house group* is another highlight, and it is a delight to study together and to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Outside of EECC church, Nick *preaches* at smaller local churches and I lead on the *Ladies Talks* at various churches too, (both on rotas). Generally we **work within teams** and appreciate very much the encouragement and strength of *team-working*.



More recently, Nick and I have been making **audio recordings** of many of the **Bible Stories** told at Schools in South Africa to the children and young people. These are being sent to **MegaVoice Ministries in Pretoria** for their use and distribution throughout Africa. Sheila has also recruited the help of **others at Church** to do additional recordings, as they have faithfully been doing Christian messages at School assemblies in WILTSHIRE for decades, (which we were involved in before we went out to South Africa). *We are currently looking to make these recordings downloadable from our Website with the technological expertise and help of a family at our church, (Emmanuel) - so "watch this space"!*

**We will also be talking with other ministries in South Africa about the distribution of SWYM audio bible stories.**

**PRAY that we will partner with, and be led to, the right ministry organizations.**

### Expectations in South Africa

As we prepare to make our final trip to South Africa on November 29th, we wanted to have everything buttoned up before we travelled, but we were reminded that you have to go with the flow, (TIA - this is Africa).

This year, arranging accommodation and transport has not been so straightforward. The transport we had last year for immediate use is no longer available/roadworthy. So, as it stands, there are various **gaps in transport** during our visit. This restricts some advance planning. **Do PRAY that we will have a regular vehicle to use; and that when we go to different places, accommodation will also be provided, especially if visits are organized at short notice.**



It is our desire to meet with as many of the SWYM Trained Workers and Associates as possible; and to see the continued use of the SWYM Bible Correspondence Course Books; and the SWYM Resource Books that are printed in RSA, and distributed through African Pastors' Conferences mainly in Africa, to Pastors and Christian Workers.

We are flying with **Kenya Airways** for the first time, since they were the most economical, but also offered a GREATER luggage allowance! That suited us just fine, as we take the **opportunity** to fill our suitcases with **donated goods** for children and adults in need. We have a good number of the **Pak -a -Bags**, with fillers, from **Caersalem Chapel**, in St Mellons. The ladies there have been sewing these bags for distribution through SWYM, for a good number of years now. Many ladies who are part of the **KNIT and KNATTER** group from Emmanuel and Ladyfield Churches have also donated knitted finger puppets, scarves and gloves.

**PRAY that we will distribute all these gifts, and the new, and nearly new clothing, to the right persons and in the right organisations.**



As this will be our LAST trip, hopefully the pattern for these much useful and loveable bags and knitted goods will be further given out in South Africa for duplication by women in churches and community groups.

We are so thankful to the Caersalem and Chippenham Ladies, and hope that they might be able to continue their **support to other Missionaries** through their skilled needlework and knitted goods. **Please know that your support has greatly encouraged us in Ministry, and have helped the less fortunate in South Africa.**

### Praise/Prayer items

#### Praise God for the following:

For the transport and accommodation offered to date  
For the leadership of Freddy, Leon and Joseph in the Schools` Ministry  
For the distribution of the SWYM Resource Books through African Pastors` Conferences  
For Nelson & Rosemary, who wisely manage the SWYM Correspondence Course Ministry



#### Pray for the following:

Transport and suitable accommodation throughout the trip  
For personal safety and travelling mercies at all times  
For the various meetings, and for godly wisdom in decision making

*With our grateful thanks, fond farewell, love & prayers*

*Nick & Sheila*



*Be encouraged; Our compassionate God is at work in South Africa*

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