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1 Cor 15:58

With all this going for us, my dear, dear friends, stand your ground. And don't hold back. Throw yourself into the work of the Master, confident that nothing you do for him is a waste of time or effort.

The Message

Dear friends
There are times in our lives when THANK YOU sounds so little to express what we feel but we would like to share this wonderful news with you.

God has been AWESOME in answering prayers and coming through for us. In our last newsflash, you would have read about our predicament concerning the 3 smaller properties across the street from where the ministry

operates. Last week, 5 days before the money had to be paid to the lawyers, CCOP under leadership of Bishop Joseph Garlington, together with other Recon-

ciliation Churches banded together and sent the amount of R58,460 on time. Now we are awaiting the title deed.

Thank you for praying for us and thank you to ALL WHO support the ministry. Thank you for partnering in touching lives and mending hearts.

We can truly say with the songwriter "My Life is in His Hands".



1. FRIENDS

As promised, here is a bit of feed-back from one of the YWAM team members who stayed in our home. We had a team of 13 from Hawaii YWAM base. They were from all over the world and it was an amazing experience for our children.

Nothing was too much for them from cleaning yards, to laying paving, dancing, youth programs, etc. As a team, they included our Michelle and gave her



Jessica, Drew, Mark and Mariel

"In House Training" before we took her to the YWAM base in Worcester to do her training there. The three leaders, Joanne, Jafia and Paul were well-trained and truly led the team to serve. Thank you team!

FROM DREW: After working with LIFE for five weeks it was incredible to see the revival and healing in the lives of children even when they are in the midst of hopelessness and despair." "George is arguably one of the most beautiful cities in the world and to be able to see God's power while working with life, and on top of that see His glory and majesty just in His creation really taught me much about how amazing and big God is!"

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2 VISION AND WHAT WE DO

We work in 10 different communities, serving the children at our LIFE Centres. The communities where we are currently ministering are:

- Ballotsview, Conville, Pacaltsdorp, Borchards (x2), Protea Park, New Dawn Park, Thembaletu. (x3)
- Within the centres, we are serving approximately 2,000 children four times a week. A centre is erected in an area where the greatest need is identified.
- A typical centre consists of a roof held up by poles, a cement slab and drop cloth around the sides to break the wind.
- At 10h00 and 14h30, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and Sundays at 13h00 we minister to the children. Saturdays we meet with the Youth.
- We bring the children hope through the Gospel, skills through our training program, and food with our feeding program. Three out of the four days, the children are served with a "hot meal" that consists of stews, soups, etc.

On Sundays, we serve sandwiches and milk.

Mission Statement:

To see the heart of the community changed through the Gospel, treating all people with LOVE, DIGNITY AND RESPECT.

Some of our Programmes:

- Back-to-School
- God's Kids in Action (Choir)
- Pre-school
- Discipleship Program
- Bless-a-Child (Christmas)
- Life-Skills Training
- Cultural Outings and Training
- Clothing Ministry
- LIFE Youth
- Arts and Crafts
- Food Gardens
- Feeding 2000 children
- Music Lessons
- Soccer

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3 STAFF AND TRAINING

Training forms a major part of our ministry. We believe in equipping staff to disciple the children in order to get the message of the Good News of the Gospel to as many people as possible.

Sally and I endeavor to constantly bring in other expertise to assist in our training program. We are also giving the staff an opportunity to prepare and train the staff!

A very important part of our staff are the men and the role they play. We are excited to see the children respond to our Life-Skills program. We have found that this program has had a very positive impact on the children over the last few years. The staff have been trained and will undergo ongoing training to teach the life-skills to our 10—13 year old children at the centres.

To us it is most important to understand the staff in their gifting etc. and that they are positioned for what God intended them to be.

A couple of our staff members are changing positions in order for them to be more effective in ministry. Brenda Fredericks will be heading a program ministering to the young ladies who are struggling and have made bad



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FAITH SHARING AT A TRAINING

decisions. The Lord has laid them on her heart and we believe she will be effective in ministering to them.

Nandipha has taken the position of Kitchen Manager and doing a wonderful job. She has already established herself and earned the respect of other staff members.

Sarie, our overseer at Ballotview has taken Maternity Leave. Her baby is due at the end of the month and we pray that she and the baby will be blessed and that the family will have much joy from this new little one.

4 BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

Toward the end of last month we had a "games" afternoon with the teens. What a delight to see the young people have FUN. They built puzzles, played scrabble, played Monopoly etc. I enjoyed seeing them engaged in activities that they never had the privilege of doing as they grew up.

It was fascinating to see their interaction and to see how eager they were to complete the puzzles, etc. We also used this time to make posters for our "car-wash" day at the kitchen. The youth did this to raise funds to go on a trip to Oudtshoorn during the holidays. It certainly is teaching them skills of making a plan when you want to achieve a trip!!

To us as a staff it has become clear that we need to build strong relationships with the teens to help them weather the storms. Most of the Teens have no idea what a good relationship is because they come from a world of broken and non-existent relationships. This is one of the reasons why they struggle to have a relationship with their Heavenly Father. The Lord is stirring an awareness in many people about the Father and the importance of earthly fathers as role-models to create an understanding of the awesome love of our Heavenly Father. *Ps. 127:3 Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from Him.*



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH!!!

Every month a staff member is recognized for good service.

The staff are very valuable to us and the Lord and we are honored to work with such beautiful people.

Picture 1 Anne from the kitchen (middle) congratulated by Nandi (new kitchen overseer) and Derek Pilay.

Picture 2: Nonthethu From Themba



5 SOCCER

Our soccer boys have been doing well under the leadership of Ebson Ndlovo.

They won the Street Soccer cup again and now have entered into a proper league where they are doing well.

The team is well disciplined, plan and play well together, and are impressing people with their good attitude and the way they conduct themselves by not becoming angry when they play. Ebson always gets them in a huddle to pray before they actually play any match. What has impressed people most, are the godly attitudes that have been displayed.

From t-shirts and barefoot they now have a uniform and togs for each player. Thank you to all the precious people who have invested in to their lives.

Through the soccer, the boys are also linked with churches so that they can become part of a church family. Ebson is building relationships with the pastors so the boys can be mentored.

Ray Shortland coordinated the purchasing of soccer tickets for the boys to attend a world cup match in Port Elizabeth—a "dream come true" for any young soccer player in South Africa.

Ebson's dream for the boys goes beyond soccer. He is equally interested in their Christian walk and connecting them with churches in the community.



Our LIFE Soccer Team with the cup after they won the Street Soccer Tournament.

6 MCHELE

It was with mixed feelings that we said goodbye to Michelle Maswati (for a couple of months).

Michelle made us proud by her great matric exam results. It has been her choice to go to YWAM to do a discipleship course and at the same time be included in the course that places an emphasis on the creative-arts. Michelle will be using her ballet talent for the Lord and this has been a desire of her heart.

Sally and I took Michelle to the base in Worcester on Good Friday where she was met by a great group of students and leaders who welcomed her. We pray that Michelle will be a blessing to many and that her story will bring hope to other young people who feel trapped and hopeless.

1. ballet Friends say goodbye
2. Life friends pray for Michelle
3. Michelle with Lena (mom) and Sister (Liesel) the day we left for Worcester



"This is Michelle from YWAM – Yep, I'm a YWAMER now. And let me tell you, IT'S AWESOME. Things are going well and God is so good. "

7. CHOR

Our choir had the fantastic opportunity to have a workshop and sing with a choir from St Andrews School, Sydney,



Australia. Following a workshop, our choir joined them in a pizza restaurant and enjoyed eating together with the students. For many of the children this was a first time ever experience. We taught them a couple of songs and that evening the concert consisted of a brilliant performance from the choir, some songs by us and then we performed together. We thank the Lord for all the wonderful friends He is

9 PERSONAL

Philip has been busy organizing some great events where leaders gathering to discuss leadership and the need thereof in our society. He has also been busy with the George Men's Choir of which he is a member. Our God's Kids in Action Choir sang with the Men's Choir in the Cathedral on Easter Sunday. This was an exciting experience for the children and the song "Jerusalem" has become a favorite of our choir kids.

John (Boets) is doing fine and in his final year at Varsity. He will have his degree in filmmaking at the end of this year.

Sally and her kids are doing great. The band Justin is playing in is gaining in popularity



adding to the ministry and for the wonderful deposits into the lives of our children through volunteers and groups that come and visit.

8 WORLD CUP

Our plans for the 4 week 5 days-a-week during the duration of the soccer world-cup, is developing well. The schools will be closed for 5 weeks which creates a massive problem reference the safety of our children. Sally is coordinating the event where we are planning on having a large tent on the property to enable us to accommodate at least 300– 400 children additional children to our programs. Our morning program will run from 9h00 till 12h00—after which we will show a movie and continue with our centres in the afternoons. The Lord has moved on our hearts to do something for His Kingdom to impact the children during this time.

Sally's mom, Granny Margo has launched a huge campaign to ask churches and organizations all over South Africa to make a difference during the World Cup by looking after and helping keep children safe. We have taken this invite seriously.

and have recorded their first CD.

Megan is studying at the local Nelson Mandela University and seems to enjoy her studies. As usual, she has made lots of friends. Nissi and TJay are doing great. They both got gold medals at the Gymnastic Championships this year and Nissi made the SA Team.

We are proud of all our children.

Please continue praying for Sally's back. She is in constant pain and it seems as though she will have to go for a huge back operation in the near future. This is a challenge for her.

Sally and I have started an aftercare centre at our office to off-set the expense of the office and to generate additional income for our families. Please pray for this venture.

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Thank you for blessing us with your contributions. For those who would like to contribute you may send checks to:

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. Strength protection and health for the staff and leaders
2. For WISDOM to continue in moving to the next level with the ministry. There are so many who don't know the Lord as their Savior.

3. For our YOUTH to stand strong!
4. For Provision to pay our staff and to expand—pay off the property
5. A property where we can erect a Centre in Borchards
6. For Volunteers
7. The World Cup and safety of our children