



Using Scripture Union materials and programmes

Qwa Qwa Newsletter February - March 2022

The past few months have been very busy and has left its toll upon me. I am very tired and have had constant headaches for the past week or so. Praise the Lord that he has given me the strength to keep going. Truly his grace is sufficient for us. I will be taking a break for some days. I will be going to Oban Guest Farm for some rest. I will miss one Sunday at the church. I will be there from the 1st to 7th April. Pray that He will uphold me through this coming week with all that has to be done before the 1st. It is going to be a heavy week, with the HBC coming up on Monday and I will have to get a good supply of water as we have been without water for over a week, and with no prospect of the problem being solved soon. Please pray that this water problem will be resolved soon. We have had to fetch water from Lusaka village for cooking on Sundays and for drinking water. For washing and washing clothes we use rain water that we collect in buckets and basins. But the Lord gives strength to cope with this, and we thank God for the young men who travel to Lusaka to collect the water for us.

The Church.

Praise the Lord for his grace and favour. The Lord has directed us to hand over more responsibilities to the church members. The area where we have started has been in the preaching. So, over the past two months, though I have done the bulk of the preaching, we have had the ladies of the church handle a service, the youth have taken two services, pastor Joseph Zwane has also come to share the Word of God with us, so has pastor Bongani Mokoena. The ladies did very well and the people were blessed by their teaching. When the youth led the service, in the absence of Ips, who has gone to study in the Eastern Cape, three young men shared the Word as well as one young lady. I was pleasantly surprised by the spiritual insight of some of the ladies and especially of some of the youth. The Lord is raising up some good young people and ladies who will be able to carry on with the work. The ones who have shown a better degree of

understanding are those who attend the Wednesday afternoon training sessions, and those who attended the Bible studies in the past. I praise God for these ladies, young men and young women. We do miss Ips, he is one of our leaders, in whom the Lord has done a good work. Please pray for Ips in his studies, and for these ladies and young men. Pray that the Lord will continue to work in them and mature them more and more in Christ.

Attendances at the services have been good, and we get many children attending each week. The one Sunday we had over two hundred children attending. Pray for the three young men and the one young lady who teach in the Sunday School. They are Tsui, Siphewe and Sibusiso, and Mmami. Pray that the Lord will give them the appropriate word for the children each Sunday. We thank God for these young people who love the children and are willing to share the Word of God with them.

Holiday Bible Club.

Please pray for the upcoming Holiday Bible Club which will start on Monday 28th March with leader's preparation. The HBC will run from Tuesday to Thursday. Martha from SU in the Vaal will be running the HBC with the help of our young leaders. As we have sorted out the objections of the Salvation Army that caused them to forbid us from using their premises, we will be meeting in the grounds of the Salvation Army. Please pray for good attendances and that the Word of God will penetrate the hearts and minds of the children and that many will be saved by the power of the Holy Spirit, and come to the true knowledge of God in Christ. Please also pray for the funding of the HBC. The theme for the HBC is 'Hope in Christ, Rewrite, Reset & Restart'.

The Ladies Camp

Following the HBC there will be a camp for the ladies of the church from Friday 1st April to Sunday 3rd April at Oban Guest Farm in Van Reenen. Martha will be the main speaker at the ladies camp and her theme is, 'Women of Destiny'. Please pray that Christ will be lifted up and the ladies will be set free in Jesus and be inspired by the Word of God to live for Jesus. There will be thirty ladies attending the camp and this time we have invited Joyce Zwane and Emily Maboya from the Lusaka Church to join us. They are very excited to be included.

The church property.

We have set in motion all the preparation for the building project. We have seen the builder, who in turn has approached the engineer, who is drawing up the

engineering drawings for the steel structure. These will be passed on to the builder for a quote on the laying of the floor, the steel frame and the roof. These drawings will also be sent to the architect for the final plans. There is a problem that the municipality have to sort out. Vodacom have built a cell phone tower close to where our property is. The municipality, instead of running the overhead electricity wires along the boundary of the property, they ran the wires through the property that we have bought. This is not allowed. Please pray that they will do the right thing and remove the electricity wires from our property and direct them on the outside of the property. Please pray that we will find favour and that they will not give us a hard time.

Food Project

We praise God for the faithful giving of his people who have given toward the feeding of the people after the Sunday services and the maize meal distribution. Many people and especially children benefit from the Sunday feeding scheme. The numbers range from 125 men, women and children to a maximum of 320. The children especially come in large numbers. Thank you for all who contribute to this project. A special thank you to the His Place Church in Hastings, England who support this feeding scheme.

Praise Items

In the January newsletter we asked for a sponsor for a new keyboard and some mics. Praise the Lord he provided and we now have a new keyboard, new mics and a new mixer. God is good.

There was also a request to pray for funding for Ips so that he could complete his degree in Chemical Engineering. Praise God for the generosity of God's people who gave so generously. The Lord sent money to cover his registration fee, a good part of his accommodation, and part of his tuition fees. We are trusting the Lord that he will supply the rest as the year goes on. God is so good. We thank those very much who provided for these needs.

Tsiu and Karabo, whose 15 month old son, who had boiling hot water fall on him, at the crèche where he was attending, who subsequently passed away, are recovering slowly. Please continue to pray for them. Pray that God will heal the deep wounds and that they will have the grace to forgive those who ran the crèche.

Praise the Lord that he has provided for the ladies camp and the Sunday School camp coming up in September. Pray that the finances will come in for the youth camp later in the year.

Thanks

Thank you so much for reading our news and for praying for us. We appreciate you praying for us and the work the Lord has called us to here in Qwa Qwa. The Lord has been faithful, and given us the grace to serve him here for nearly 12 years. We appreciate your prayers very much, as I am sure nothing spiritually good takes place apart from the faithful prayers of the people of God.

Thanks too to all who support us and the work financially. Your good gifts encourage us in the work and we praise the Lord for you.

May the Lord give you grace and strength to do his will and direct you in all your endeavours as you seek to serve the One and Only True and Living God in Christ Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Love in Jesus

Reg and Cynthia

