

Andrew & Ronel Murray
Christian Youth Outreach, Magogong

Working with CYO which is supported by five churches of three denominations in the area, Andrew and Ronel are evangelizing and discipling the youth in the Taung, Pampierstad and Magogong (Northern Cape) areas through Bible Clubs in schools, Camps for primary and high school pupils, Life Skills Training in schools and Holiday Outreaches.

They are assisted by volunteers, coming from supporting churches as well as being converts of earlier camps, and visiting teams from i.a. Pretoria and the USA. Lyndee who, since 2006, has been involved especially in the training of Life Skills Teams, and Paul who arrived in August 2007, are so-called journeymen from the Southern Baptist Missionary Society, doing two-year stints as short-term missionaries.

There are 180 schools in an 80 km radius around Magogong of which 40 have been reached so far. Andrew is also involved in regular meetings for farm labourers as well as being asked to preach in Sunday services in some of the supporting churches from time to time.

Andrew and Ronel have three children: Andy (20) at present working with a leadership training ministry in Wellington (Cape), Helen (18) matriculating at the end of 2007 and Peter (15), both at boarding school in Bloemfontein. Ronel has a BA degree in psychology and counseling and now studies for an honours degree with UNISA. Andrew is also doing some planting on the small farm where they now live, in order to complement their income.

Andrew's vision is that local Tswana churches would catch the vision of mission outreach and sending out Tswana-speaking missionaries. He meets with pastors in the area and organizes pastors' retreats with the aim of overcoming the mistrust between denominations.