

May 2008

# life at CENTRAL

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Isaiah 42:1-4

'Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit in Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry out, nor raise His voice, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. <sup>3</sup>A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. <sup>4</sup>He will not fail nor be discouraged, till He has established justice in the earth; and the coast lands shall wait for His law. NKJV



# PASTOR'S CORNER

Senior Pastor: Charles de Kiewit



9 May 2008

*Dear friends*

For the first time in the nine and a bit years we have been here there are three pastoral couples. It has been a real delight to have Eric and Ros with us since November last year and now it has been a joy to have Quentin and Leandra join us at the beginning of May.

This is a big step forward for us as a church. These decisions add pressure to the budget but we believe it is the right thing to do and so we are trusting God to provide for these expenses.

I do need to clarify that all the pastors are in fact elders and serve alongside of the other elders in the church. Our structure here at Central provides for "called elders" (employed) and "appointed elders" (elected by the church). Together the elders are responsible for the spiritual oversight of the church.

Spiritual oversight is a huge responsibility that elders are to carry out under God. It includes, among other things, sound Bible teaching, servant leadership, loving pastoral care and discipline and humble sacrificial examples of Christian living. Please pray for the elders to be faithful to God and fruitful in their work in the local church here at Central.

I do thank God for an eldership here at Central that seeks to honour God. They are men who work together but at the same time enjoy good fellowship giving evidence of their partnership in the gospel.

It is our desire under God to serve you in your walk with God as you grow in grace and in so doing exalt our Lord Jesus Christ.

*Charles*



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by Glynnis Cook

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## LIFE at CENTRAL MAGAZINE

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# CARING MINISTRY

by Pastor Eric Robbins



## "A healthy prayer life"

In the last edition of "Life at Central" I wrote about the importance of being a "serious daily reader of God's Word" and a "weekly participant in one of the church Bible studies". This time round I want to remind you of the importance of maintaining a healthy prayer life.

Prayer is as essential to our spiritual wellbeing as breathing is to our physical health. Prayer is more than just asking God to run errands for us. It is our quality time with God and consists of adoration, praise, thanksgiving, intercession for others as well as the bringing of our own personal requests. Prayer is the nearest approach to God and the highest enjoyment of him that we are capable of in this world. What a privilege to be grasped!

You may be wondering what Bible study and prayer has to do with developing the caring ministry of the church. I suggest to you everything and in every way! It is like looking after your physical health. When you do so, you may not need to have others care for you for every ache and pain. Of course, extraordinary crises always will occur, when we need to lean

on others, but as far as possible let us all learn to care for ourselves through maintaining the basic spiritual disciplines that God has ordained. This way, we are ready for the curved balls that life delivers and in daily contact with the Lord who cares for us.

So please look after your spiritual health! Bible reading is like a good balanced diet! Prayer is like lots of fresh air! Prevention is always better than cure and a whole lot less painful too.



Welcome to our youth pastor **Quentin** and his wife **Leandra**. May God richly bless your work here at Central!

Please would everyone remember to uphold all our pastoral families in prayer.

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*Six-year old Angie, and her four-year old brother, Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang and talked out loud.*

*Finally, his big sister had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."*

*"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked.*

*Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door?"*

*They're hushers."*  
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# Church Getaway

9-11 May 2008

## Photo Gallery

by Kim Gush

A good number of Centralites turned up for the recent Church Getaway which was both relaxing and spiritually encouraging. Lance Laughton spoke on the topic "The joy of the Lord is my strength", powerfully expounding God's Word through a series of four sermons. Good fellowship, rousing choruses, excellent meals and enjoyable fun activities all made for a great weekend. As Lance quoted from Romans 11:36 *"For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen"*



*Eugene directing proceedings*



*The Imperishable Peaches*



*The Mighty Mustard Seeds*





*Did you see that?*

*Yellow Brick Road*



*Die Blou Machine!*



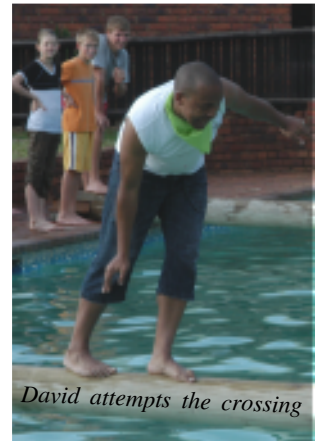
*Rudolf and Inge enjoying the afternoon*



*Redro really rocks*



*Is this called pole vaulting?*



*David attempts the crossing*

*Our speaker, Lance (below) looking a little wet*



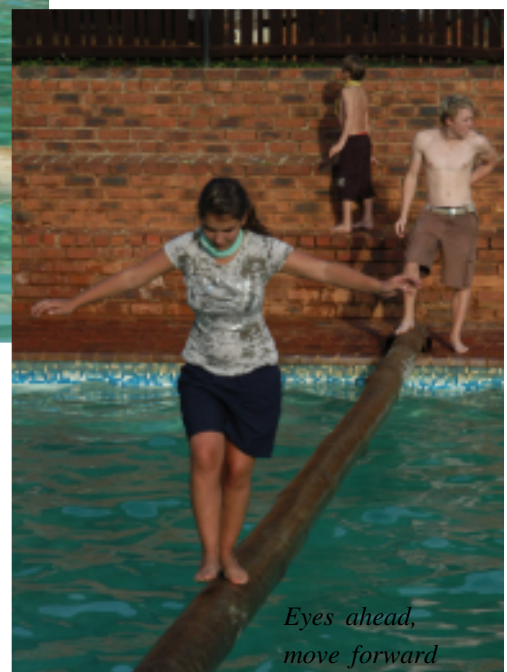
*Keep a balance in life Charles!*



*This is how it's done*



*I don't know who this is, sorry*



*Eyes ahead, move forward*

Glynnis, Christene and John



David on piano



Awesome worship! Thanks guys



## WANTED - DEAD (to self) OR ALIVE,

The Rustenberg 5 were last spotted at the YFC campsite



If seen do not approach, but call the CBCP SWAT Protection Team (seen below) immediately



**CBCP SWAT  
PROTECTION**

# letters

From *DARREN van RENSBURG*  
(Ecuador)

*Hi everyone. Thank you to each one of you for your continued support and prayers for me. They are needed and the difference they make is felt! The Lord has provided in every way to use us as a team to make a genuine difference in individual lives in the midst of hard times for the country! I have also been really stretched by the responsibility of coordinating and leading in some of our recent ministry opportunities. I am learning not to be so anxious over all the details, but to trust God and come to God to worship Him, and not only to always ask for help and things.*

## *1. Recent highlights:*

*\* A second, super-blessed trip to the Shuar people in the Amazon to do further discipleship, encouragement, and handing over of clothes, Bibles and discipleship materials. This also included eating an armadillo which Shuar warriors hunted for us in the middle of the previous night.*

*\* Three flood relief efforts in which God supplied way beyond what we could have asked or imagined! All in all, about 450 have received food packages and tracts, and a number of people have indicated a response to the gospel.*

## *2. Church*

*The church we are part of here is called Guayacanes Baptist Church, with about 100-120 members. It's in a poor neighbourhood in the far north of the city. Even though Ecuador is a different world, Baptist is still Baptist! It feels like Central, and there is even an FBH from 9am to 10am Sunday mornings, with a short 'fellowship' break before the service at 10:30! They have weekly prayer meetings, ladies' and men's meetings, a youth meeting, Bible studies, and an evangelism committee. I have already been asked to teach Sunday School but turned it down for now. There are many valid causes to get involved in, but I've learned that whatever you say 'yes' to in life means you've said 'no' to something else.*



## *3. Praise Items*

*I have much to thank the Lord for, but especially:*

*\* For His provision for our flood relief efforts, including food and financial donations, the lending of vehicles, and a willing team for loading and unloading, as well as evangelistic programs. Also for those who gave their lives to the Lord at these programmes.*

*\* For the privilege of going to the jungle, especially in being able to give workshops to new believers, and to hand over Bibles and spiritual growth materials, as well as clothes.*

## *4. Prayer requests*

*\* For the right decision about where to go during the next flood relief effort (we'd like to do two more), and for provision for it. We have a potential donation that will cover it, but it has not been confirmed.*

*\* For new believers in the Shuar community and in the places where we did the flood efforts (Babahoyo and Palizada) to be discipled.*

*\* For God to be calling those He wants to be trained in the Mission Training School here, and that God will really work in their lives in preparation for and during the school.*

*\* Please continue praying for the work on Santay, for God to be deepening the faith of the saved, and stirring the hearts of those who have not yet surrendered to Christ.*



## *Farewell letter from Zolani*

### **ZEE CRUISE SHIP**

"Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength" (Rev. 7 v 12 - NIV) *be to our great King for the experiences I have had at the Central Baptist Church, for the last five years.*

*My highlights (amongst many):*

- Children's Talk - the inspiration of God, joy and adrenaline experienced before and during the talks.
- Blast Off - the opportunities to share the gospel and the inspiration of God in preparing the talks and games.
- Knowing friends and families, and those who have sought to improve the status of my physique (or lack of); the food was great!

*I have been accepted for training to become a fitness instructor on the cruise ships. The training will be in London (2-12 weeks), starting on the 9th of June and I will be leaving SA on the 7th. After successfully completing the physical and mental exams (please pray about the latter), I will be sent to a particular ship, according to my personality and other qualities, for eight months.*



*Zee (on the right), behaving normally as usual...  
We will miss you!*

*Prayer requests:*

- To meet Christian(s), preferably a wife, on the ship for fellowship.
- To grow to love the King with all my heart and seek to obey Him.
- To be able to stand against temptations, to be faithful and wise in sharing the gospel in a multi-cultural environment.

Zolani Gubuza  
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(Please e-mail the brother)

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### ***The Obstacle in Our Path***

Once upon a time, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand!

Sometimes we may not understand our circumstances, but God allows us to be tested so that we might find blessings beyond measure. If you are one of the many at this time who are struggling, know that God is watching and you will learn, grow and be blessed even in those hardships. Jesus will comfort and strengthen you to face these tough times and He will carry you through them.



### ***2 Corinthians 1:5***

***"For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.***



# CHINA FOR CHRIST

*By Noel Durrheim*

**H**udson Taylor was just seventeen years of age and had excellent prospects of going into business as a pharmacist, when he received the call of God in 1850: **"GO FOR ME TO CHINA!"**

He responded immediately, praying for guidance and gaining all the information he could, relative to his future field of service. Despite the fact that he had neither teacher nor books, (with the exception of a copy of Luke's Gospel in the Mandarin dialect), Hudson Taylor, by ingenuity and hard work, accomplished wonders. Within the space of a few weeks he had found out the meaning of over five hundred characters and set about compiling his own dictionary! He also proceeded to learn Latin, Greek and Hebrew. Thus began a life of faith that led to the founding of the **China Inland Mission (C.I.M.)**, which was instrumental in taking the Gospel to the interior regions of China.

This populous nation, which had been under the domination of Satan for millennia, was exposed



to the liberating power of the Gospel. The enemy was infuriated and instigated the **Boxer Rebellion** in 1900, the purpose of which was to drive out all foreigners, including

missionaries, from China. Many Christians were murdered during this purge. This was followed by an atheistic **communist regime**, which sought to destroy all forms of religion, setting into motion a fresh wave of oppression and persecution of Christians. The **"Cultural Revolution"** (1960 to mid 1970's), launched by Mao Zedong, saw Red Guards (frenzied gangs of young people), rampaging across the nation in an all-out effort to destroy every vestige of culture and religion in the land. The iron fisted crushing of the student protest in Tienanin Square in 1989, as well as the recent protests in Tibet, during which scores of Tibetans lost their lives, have highlighted yet once again China's total disregard of human rights. The Chinese authorities made an all-out effort to prevent foreign journalists from publishing these events, as this could have a negative impact on world opinion, particularly prior to the Olympic Games, which is scheduled to be held in Beijing in August 2008.

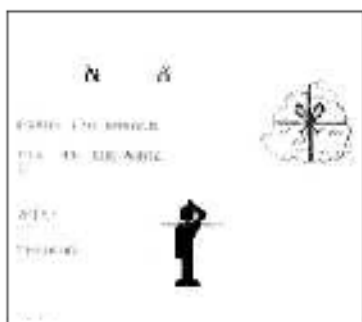
The cumulative impact of 150 years of global prayer has been instrumental in bringing about changes in China. Notwithstanding severe persecution, **millions of Christians** meet in the **underground Church**, including the house Church movement, which is going from strength to strength.

Pragmatic considerations have been instrumental in China's leadership-decision to encourage free

trade, leading to phenomenal growth in industry. The growth in the gross domestic product (G.D.P.), recently accelerated to 10.9%, which in turn has given rise to an insatiable demand for energy. This has contributed to the increase in the global demand for oil and raw materials, resulting in spiraling prices of these commodities. Cheap Chinese products flooding the world's markets are having serious socio-economic effects on her trading partners. This is borne out by the recent visit of a high powered Chinese delegation, led by their premier, to various countries on the African continent, including South Africa, during which numerous trade-deals were entered into.

Another by-product of this paradigm shift in China has been the relaxation on its citizens traveling abroad. The following are just a few examples to highlight the opportunities that exist to share the Good News with folk who are hungry for the truth. About eight years ago, a troupe of acrobats put on a spectacular performance at the University of Pretoria's Sports Centre. Permission was obtained to present gift hampers to each of the acrobats as a token of our appreciation. (These included an outline of the way of salvation, and other Good News literature, in Mandarin.) The team members accepted the gifts gladly. Our earnest prayer is that they would also accept the Gift of Salvation.

The Chinese government is even providing financial support for some of its citizens to undertake graduate and postgraduate studies at South African Universities. One such couple attended our church over an extended period. An outreach team from the Church, which was accorded a very warm welcome, visited them.



The language and cultural barrier however, made it difficult to communicate effectively with them. In planning a follow-up visit, various attempts were made to find a translator, but without success. In view of their imminent departure for China, it was decided to use the Mandarin translation of the Gospel outline, referred to earlier, and to work through this slowly with them. They indicated that they understood the message and expressed a desire to give this further attention before making a commitment. Some members of our Church are maintaining ongoing contact with T and C.

Please join hands with millions of Christians around the world in praying:

- For the **collapse of the whole athelstic system** in China, so that the 1.3 billion inhabitants may be afforded the opportunity of hearing the Gospel.
- That **Chinese** professionals, diplomats and entrepreneurs, **dispersed around the world**, will be reached with the Gospel and return to their homeland as ambassadors of King Jesus.
- That **NGO's** from the **West** will be instrumental in carrying the message of God's love to the Chinese.
- That the global initiative to unite **a billion Christians across the globe to pray for China** on 08-08-2008 at 08:08 pm will have a mighty impact on that nation, and that many will be exposed to and respond to the Good News during the Olympic Games.

*For prayer pointers on specific needs in China, refer to the monthly updates on the website: [www.308chinablessing.org](http://www.308chinablessing.org)*

**"SO WILL THE WORDS THAT COME OUT OF MY MOUTH NOT COME BACK EMPTY-HANDED. THEY'LL DO THE WORK I SENT THEM TO DO. THEY'LL COMPLETE THE ASSIGNMENT I GAVE THEM."**  
(Isa. 58:11)



# WOMEN's VALUE



May is Mother's Day month!

## BEING A MUM TAKES TIME...

Ros Robbins

Being a mother is a wonderful privilege! The joy of caring for your own little baby must be the most fulfilling experience any woman can have. Deep bonds have developed between you and your child, from the day you knew you were going to be a mum. But now suddenly all this emotion has to be translated into responsible motherhood. Probably the biggest struggle you will have is that of **resolving your time pressure**.

While it is a privilege to be the one that spends **the most time** with your child, as new mothers we often struggle with **time management**. Baby seems to demand so much time and there just seems to be less and less time for yourself and your many other responsibilities. Soon, if you're not careful, you find yourself wishing life away, longing for the day when your little one becomes more independent and less demanding on your time. And as baby becomes older there is always the temptation to replace time with money, things and activities for your child.

However the **time spent just being together** with your child is of more value than anything money can ever

## Mother's Quotes, Sayings

### And Proverbs

(Source - Internet)



- Who takes the child by the hand takes the mother by the heart. - German
- An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy. - Spanish

buy. As mothers we need to take **time to listen** to our children and to discover the challenges they are facing, the things they fear and the things they enjoy. Listening to and trying to understand one's child also helps to provide **time to communicate** with your child. Older children often want to discuss issues when Mom is most busy, has deadlines to meet or late at night when she feels exhausted. These though are "God given moments" for communicating with your child. Don't brush them off as these receptive moments may never return.

Try to be creative and **make the most of the time** with your child e.g. great conversations can be had while driving in the car or doing some household chore.

**Quality family time** built round family traditions, something every one in the family looks forward to, are of great value in holding the family together. But it all takes time!

Also spend some **teaching time** with your children discussing the word of God. This can be done formally during the **family devotion time** or simply as opportunity provides. Proverbs 22v6 says 'Train a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it' This is what Ted Tripp calls 'Shepherding a child's heart'. Children need to learn what I like to call "God's order". This is God first, others second and self last. The world will teach them to invert this order.

God's plan for family life, and raising children, is that father and mother together are responsible for the raising of children. Mother and father complement each other in their different roles in the family.

We should make John's desire for the church our ambition for our motherhood **'I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking with the Lord'** (3 John v5) Then make the time to be the mother God has called you to be.



- No matter how old a mother is, she watches her middle-aged children for signs of improvement. -Florida Scott-Maxwell
- The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom. - H.W. Beecher
- Let France have good Mothers, and she will have good sons. - Napoleon I
- All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother. - Lincoln
- Of all the rights of women, the greatest is to be a mother. - Lin Yutang

- The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness. - Honore' de Balzac
- The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother. - Author Unknown
- The joys of motherhood are never fully experienced until the children are in bed. - Author Unknown
- Woman knows what man has long forgotten, that the ultimate economic and spiritual unit of any civilization is still the family. - Clare Boothe Luce
- A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take. - Cardinal Mermillod
- Making the decision to have a child - It's momentous. It is to decide forever to have your heart go walking around outside your body. - Elizabeth Stone

### **Prayer Guide for the South African Women's Department 2008**

#### **May**

For the Board as they meet to plan the direction of the ministry for the next part of the year.

For the moving of the Lord in the lives of all the ladies attending the Skogholm seminar

#### **June**

That the Lord would continue to work in the lives of the women in our country.

For physical protection for the women and children of our communities.

#### **July**

For protection from the various viruses that could impact individual lives negatively.

For continued focus on meeting the needs of woman in our communities

#### • **Words on "Listening"**

Wendy Maharaj – BWD president

1. Listening requires communication
2. Good communication requires quality listening
3. Listening requires confidences
4. Only give advice when asked
5. Don't ask too many questions
6. Be aware of the filters through which you listen: prejudices....attitudes...feelings

### **From the Simpsons:**

*It all started with an invitation, then a visit. Gareth and I both felt compassion for this older congregation, which had not had a full time pastor for three years. The church leadership was determined to call a younger pastor. We began our journey as the new pastoral couple at Lambert Road Baptist Church in Durban at the begin-ning of this year. The challenge has been to sensitively, but steadily, facilitate change. Our aim is to build a multi-racial, multi-generational church with established ministries that are not reliant on the pastor alone.*

*Let me tell you a little about the wife of the pastor. Before I had time to even blink I was elected the president of the Baptist Woman's Department Ladies ministry at Lambert Road Baptist (the same as the "Kings Rubies" at Central). It is a privilege for me to be able to be part of it and I am excited! I am continually reminded that the success of the ministry, and the blessing to the ladies at the monthly meetings, is dependant on Christ. He has proven to be faithful!*

*Gareth and I have also started a youth group on Friday evenings, (see photo). There was previously no youth ministry. We hope in time to be able to call a male and a female youth worker to minister to the teens and children in the church.*

*One thing we have been able to do, which we could never do at Central... was have an Easter sunrise service on the beach. The weather and scenery here is glorious!*

*We are very excited about receiving a phone call from Pretoria in the near future. The person making the call will tell us that our baby daughter is ready for us to fetch. She could have arrived by the time you read this article, but we may still be waiting....*

*Gareth and I have often said to each other how much we miss the church family at Central Baptist Church and how much we learnt during our years there. For that we are very grateful!*

*With very fond love to each and every one of you!*

**Michelle Simpson**



# LADY GREY

by Lana Pelser

*No, this is not about a LADY – it is a little bit about the Eastern Cape TOWN – more about the PEOPLE - a lot about the EASTER story - and all about a PASSION PLAY*

The Little Eastern Cape town was founded in 1856 by the Dutch Reformed Church community, and is situated at the foot of the awesome Witteberg Mountains. This little town was dying – so was the church and also the school. They had to do something to save the town and with the help of God, and the input from all the people in the community, they started staging a Passion Play in 2002.

I was privileged to attend it this year!

The play was done over a period of 3 days – in 5 parts - in a very professional manner. The drama director, the musical director and the choreographer were all from the school (Arts Academy), and so were the choir members, the soloists and the dancers. The role of Jesus was played by a first year drama student who had also portrayed the role the previous year, while still in school. The sound and lighting was done by a professional team from Bloemfontein, and the minor roles, meals, accommodation, costumes and hard work in the background, were carried out by the congregation and people of the town. The text was in English and was drawn from the 4 Gospels and stayed true to the message.

The venues included the historical Dutch Reformed Church – interior and exterior (with both “Calvary” and the “Tomb” in their grounds), the Arts Academy (their courtyard and garden), and the streets of Lady Grey.

The excellent music collection included:

Rossini's Kyrie (Lord have Mercy), Pergolesi's Magnificat (Hymn of the Virgin Mary), Mozart's Ave verum Corpus, O Holy Night, Unto us a son is born, Exodus Song (from the film Exodus), Pie Jesu (Andrew Lloyd Webber), The Holy City, The Lord's Prayer, Gounod's Solemn Mass (after the crucifixion), Hava Nageela (at the wedding in Cana) Gloryland, Let the River Run, Sankta Lucia (Sung in Swedish), Handels's Hallelujah (from the Messiah - as a closing performance by the choir)

Apart from the choir members, dancers and extras there were 130 speaking voices. The reality of the play was touching: - Baby Jesus was a real baby. We (the audience) followed Jesus on His real donkey with palm leaves in our hands! At the cleansing of the temple the goat and pigeons were real.

The Jesus character was very dear to me – acting as Jesus this young man delivered a touching Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5-7) and told us about the bread of Life (John 6). He moved amongst the “crowds”, giving a personal message to each of us.

We carried flaming torches while following Jesus with His heavy cross. Satan forever hovered in the background and if she (the character playing Satan) happened to look your way it sent shivers down your spine! The crucifixion was as real as I believe it could be done and then we witnessed an empty tomb!

## *Notes from the director:*

....We wish to transport you to the world that our Saviour lived in....we trust that there will be many moments that you will treasure and that the experience here will have an impact on your life.....

## *Notes from the actor:*

....It is impossible to remain untouched when portraying the role of our Saviour....

## *Notes from me*

....Could I follow Jesus on his donkey with a palm branch in my hand and remain untouched?

....Could I share in communion at the Last Supper where Jesus broke the bread and not examine myself?

...Could I follow Jesus carrying His heavy cross without compassion?

...Could I witness the crucifixion without weeping at the suffering of the Lord?

...Could I witness the empty tomb without believing?

This was truly an unforgettable performance that touched the heart and soul!



# Irresistible Baby Smiles...



By Miriam Cain

**I**N the eight years ABBA House has been running, we have now looked after **356 babies!** It is always a joy to hear how our babies are doing and to meet them again if they come for a visit. Recently one of our babies became the brother to another of our ABBA babies. She had had boundless energy (in fact, I wrote about her in the magazine at the time) and it was lovely to see her again, and while she was quiet during our visit, I'm told that she's still very busy! I think her new brother will be much calmer. When the family met, his first smile was for his new sister! Introducing families to their new baby remains such a privilege and one of my favourite parts of my job.

We've had 15 adoptions since the beginning of the year and as always, as babies leave, new ones arrive. The two older ones I mentioned previously have both been adopted and are doing well. So our youngest is just over a month old at the moment and our oldest is 10 months. He's pulling to stand and practicing his walking. He has **the biggest smile** – it really does go from ear to ear, and he loves attention. You'll have to come and see for yourselves. Remember, you are welcome to visit! I've included his photo as well as that of two cute little ones, they were both really small when they arrived - in the photo below the little girl seems to be objecting to the camera's flash!

Last time I mentioned we were looking for a new doctor, well, we think we've found one or two, so that's a praise item, but we still need to settle in with one and make sure of their commitment. We are also looking for **some men who can help with maintenance** – almost all of our

volunteers are ladies but there really is a need for guys who are



willing to hang shelves, fix cupboards, and make a plan on various other household problems. It wouldn't require a regular commitment but rather a willingness to be called when something breaks! ☺

## BABY NEWS

Life in the Nursery is never without its challenges and currently we have a baby who concerns us with his medical condition.

**Please pray for healing** for this baby and that the right family would be found who will love him and give him everything he needs to reach his full potential. Humanly speaking, his chances of finding an adoptive family are slim, but we've seen God's faithfulness time and again and trust Him for people who will love him despite his limitations.



There's another little one who we've recently discovered, needs an operation to correct a congenital defect. **Please pray** that we will find the right parents for her who will be willing to accept her and the complications that come with her?

I've learned that you can never guess an HIV test result. At the beginning of the year we had a baby who was at risk of HIV infection and every indication was that his immune system was low and **that he would be infected.** And he wasn't! That was truly the **grace of God!**

Thank you for praying for our babies, for referring people to us who are interested in adopting and for supporting us through your giving. You will never know the difference you have made in the lives of these babies (or at least not until we are in Heaven)! **Many Thanks!!**



*Congratulations to Phil and Charlene Harold! They were married on Saturday the 19th of April 2008. The smiles speak for themselves!*



*Rod and Lynette with Caryn and Matthew their first grandson*



*BlastOff leaders - April 2008*

## **RECENT BAPTISMS**

*May God use use your lives for His Glory as you serve Him at Central Baptist.*

*Congratulations to the following people*



*Catriona (Cat) Midgley*



*Elise Vermeulen*



*Daniel Salzwedel*

*"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name. This is my command: Love each other."*

## MISSIONARY UPDATES

### Pieter & Lize Labuschagne

They have been on furlough in S.A. since July 2007. Pieter completed some theological studies last year and returned to Mauritius for two weeks at the end of January to renew the car's license, meet with B.Th. students and, especially, explore possibilities regarding their future ministry there. Lize, in the meantime, continued to home-school their children Marliize (11) and Peter-John (9), winning an award as International Home School of the Year for 2007!

They are now preparing to return to Mauritius in June 2008 with the vision to

- o Register an SIM Office there as a base to reach out to the whole Island of Mauritius
- o Establish CEIII groups for training in evangelism through-out Mauritius
- o Disciple believers on a one-to-one basis, also through the Mauritian Bible Training Institute, developing social relief ministries working hand-in-hand with the maturing of believers.

### Andrew & Ronel Murray

A new 'journeyman', a young lady by the name of Lesley, joined the ministry at the beginning of the year. She is continuing the work Lyndee did last year teaching Life Skills classes and helping with after school clubs, mainly in Taung. Paul Weiblen who arrived from the US in August last year, combines sport outreach with Life Skills classes and is involved in two clubs in Pampierstadt and Hartswater.

During the Easter holidays a 5-day Holiday Bible School for teenagers was run in Taung with the help of two additional 'journeymen' (girls) from Rustenburg. A high school camp took place last weekend (9-11 May).

A major disappointment has been caused by one of the Tswana volunteers. Andrew entered her as a candidate in a Community Builder of the Year award from the Dept. of Social Development. She won the second prize of R10 000 but diverted the money into an account she had opened in the name of her own branch of CYO which she had started on the quiet. That money was to be used to pay volunteers. Therefore there are now no volunteers to help Paul and Lesley. Andrew is trying to safe-guard the organisation's name from being misused in any other ways and needs much wisdom, also how to handle the whole volunteer system in future.

Family news: Eldest son Andy just turned 21 and is doing very well on the staff of Timothy Training Institute in Wellington. Helen has joined TTI's training after passing matric with 5 distinctions.

**Stop Press:** News has just been received that Andrew's father, who was staying with his sister in Amanzimtoti, passed away early in May.

### Peter & Christine Vumisa

Peter traveled to Nigeria in March to be a guest speaker at the 13<sup>th</sup> African Missions Summit in Jos. Participants came from all over Nigeria as well as six other countries. The aim of the conference was to mobilize the Church in Africa for missions. It was fully funded from local resources. Nigerian evangelical churches are the leading senders of missionaries in Africa, followed by those in South Africa.

Another Nigerian agency, the Missionary Supporters League, invited Peter to help train their staff for research in November 2008. Their vision is to raise prayer, financial and material support for cross-cultural missions.

From 8-12 April Peter and colleague Pierre Wedepohl attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Lausanne International Researchers Conference in Geelong, Australia. Christian researchers from around the world gathered to foster networking. Peter and Pierre did a presentation of Inserv's ministry of mapping.

**Family News:** Their eldest daughter Thando has Keloids growing on her earlobes which can only be treated at a private hospital. Pray for funds to do this, as well as additional regular support in view of growing food and fuel costs.

### Ray & Lauren Airoso

They left with their two children, Samantha (3) and Matteo (11 months), for Melbourne, Australia, on 14 April 2008, where Ray will take up the post of Executive Director of the OMS office there. Before that Ray was involved in OMS' *Team Africa Project* whose focus was to train indigenous Christian leaders to evangelize and disciple their own people. Those leaders are now running the program themselves, encouraged by regular visits from OMS personnel. In spite of constant calls from other countries in Africa this programme cannot be expanded because of lack of personnel and finances.

Ray's vision is to mobilize Australian churches to raise personnel and resources for missionaries to be sent not only to Africa but other parts of the world. OMS Australia has only four missionaries on the field at present.

They were warmly received and settled into a furnished house, and Samantha was enrolled in Kindergarten.

### Lauren McGill

After a three-month break in S.A. she has returned to the country in Central Asia where she has begun working with an NGO but still needs wisdom as to some of the work she will do specifically, preferably in the field of pharmacy. She has moved into a two-bedroom flat together with the director of this NGO, in the capital of the country. She has been asked to lead the small team there.

Hope is a friend who has gone through hard times after marrying a man her parents chose for her. She has now left him after falling pregnant and stays with her parents. Lauren has opportunities to study the Bible with her.

Lauren would like to get a book on pregnancy translated into the local language and a CD 'Where there is no doctor' updated and published. She asks for prayer for good relations with various government ministries to facilitate their work.

### Darren van Rensburg

Since September 2007, Darren works with OM in Guayaquil, Ecuador, to train local churches in evangelism. During the past weeks the OMers joined local churches to provide relief to hundreds of people whose towns and villages have been devastated by widespread floods, opening opportunities to present the gospel.

The OM team was also able to start Bible studies and a youth group on the Island of Santay, and to encourage and teach evangelism in a 9-month old Baptist church among the Shuar people in the jungle. This tribe has only 0.4% evangelical Christians.

# *All in a Day's Work*

## **Lauren, in Central Asia**

**O**ne day in April I was picked up at 6:45am to go to a village about two hours drive to the West.. We travelled through a beautiful valley with green hills, bright flowers, some more arid areas and also experienced some traffic jams (see picture below!)



Most of the people in the area are poor amidst such richness of God's creation...I am always especially amazed at the red mountains.



I went to visit a lady who does knitting with knitting machines, a project started by our organisation. She had made socks, scarves and hats. She kept on disappearing to offer typical Tajik hospitality to their guests. Even though people are poor they will go out of their way to serve guests...one sometimes feels guilty being a guest!



There were little girls playing in the yard...skipping is one of the favourite games for girls at the moment.



They also had a little sheep. It reminded me of one of my friends' families who had to sell all their sheep and 2 cows to have something to eat during the winter. They also sold one sheep so that two of the sons could go to Russia to earn money. Both of the sons are married and one of the wives is expecting their first baby.





We then went to where they were installing bio-sand water filters at a local school. The children were very excited about the clean water coming out of the filter! We are partnering with another organisation to install 11 filters in this region.



On our way to this area we saw a plague of locusts...still small but so many of them! It was so sad to think about the devastation that these creatures could bring about!



After this we were treated to more food...Fried mountain mushrooms and vegetables and later Osh (the national dish of Rice, Carrots, Onions and meat on top... :-)

After that we made our way home. There was some much needed rain on the way and I was dropped off in the South of the City. I caught a Mashrutka...and it was still raining...and the Mashrutka had a roof window...minus the window...so it rained onto us...strange but nice and refreshing. :-)

After getting back home and doing some language study I discovered I WAS very tired and went to bed :-)

#### **Pray for:**

People to not only drink clean water but also experience the WATER OF LIFE.

God may help people with the locust plague and they will give Jesus the glory.

People to become believers in this area and shine His light and bear fruit.

There may be more opportunities for jobs so that men do not have to go off to Russia.

Men working in Russia may come to faith and come back to their families and share Jesus' grace and love!

#### **Other news:**

I have been back for more than six weeks and am enjoying it. I have just moved into a new well equipped two bedroom flat which I am sharing with Andrea, a friend from Germany. I praise God for this place and a great flat mate. Our team consists of five smaller teams and our current small team leaders will be leaving in July. I have agreed to become the new small team leader – please pray for me in this new role. It is only through God's grace that I can be effective in this.

I continue to see my friends Hope and Grace.

Hope is 8 months pregnant and has been back with her parents since January. She is in the process of getting a divorce. Pray that her whole family may come to know the Lord.

Grace is finishing University this year in June and desperately wants to stay in the capital and not go back to her parent's house. Pray for her to know God's grace in her life.

*Lauren*

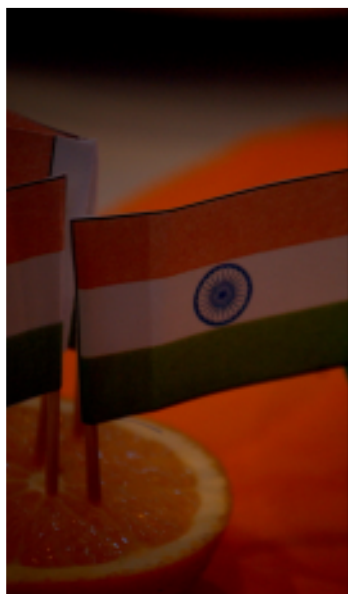
## ***Internationals Ministry Indian Day***

**T**he Internationals Ministry is one of the ministries of Central Baptist. Its vision is to reach out to the foreigners resident in Pretoria. It also aims to make the foreigners who come from outside the Borders of South Africa (referred to as the Internationals) and attending church at Central to feel welcome as well as integrating them into the church. This is done through introducing the people to the various church activities, thus contributing to their spiritual growth. On average, 17 countries are represented at Central every Sunday.

In an attempt to make the International community feel welcome at Central, the ministry usually hosts quarterly luncheons and student picnics every year. Each luncheon normally focuses on a particular country and members of that country are normally invited to share something about their country to the Central community. This is normally done through depicting the culture, tradition and religion of the country by way of decorations in the hall, food, dance and/or songs, manner of dress etc.

They also share information regarding the state of Christianity in their country, share testimonies to reveal

God's work in their lives, etc. The programme also includes time for intercessory prayer for specific needs of that country. A bring-and-share meal is meant to promote fellowship among the internationals and local members of the church. So the meal forms a central part of the day's activities.



On the 20th of April the Internationals Ministry hosted an Indian Luncheon. Both City and Laudium Baptist churches were invited to the Luncheon.

As this was mainly an Indian fellowship lunch, Laudium took centre stage in organising the activities for the day under the leadership of Pastor Alan. The organising team included Josheph Makam (an Indian missionary to South Africa with O.M.). Josheph and his family come from Hyderabad city in India and is an adherent at Central. This was a highly successful luncheon. For the first time in the history of the ministry, the sign-up for

the luncheon reached full capacity before the actual day. It was a very uncomfortable experience for the ministry members and Pastor Charles to have to announce in the church that the luncheon was fully booked.

When we entered the hall, one could not fail to notice the rich Indian culture that was reflected in the decorations that adorned the hall. The colourful ceiling hangings so clearly displayed the Indian fabrics in their intricate and bright coloured textures. A display of the often exquisite gold ornaments that typify Indian lighting illuminated the podium. This gave a somewhat aura of "idol worship" associated with the Indian culture.

However, Julie Perumal, who gave us a virtual tour of India through her power point presentation was quick to caution everyone against classifying culture, tradition and religion as one. She pointed out that what we saw on the podium WAS a reflection of their culture and tradition and in her own words: "it does not mean if you are a Christian Indian you should not wear a SARI".

She then presented their national emblem, together with their national symbols, the map of India and their national flag. A few facts about India that she presented to us include the fact that Hinduism forms 75% of the religion practised in India. This is



followed by Islam (12%), with Christianity coming 3rd at 6%. Apparently Christians primarily live in urban areas throughout India, with major concentrations in the states of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Goa.

Julie spent some time telling us about idol worship in India. She stressed the importance of one covering themselves in the Blood of Jesus when entering Indian temples as they are full of idols and these idols are said to possess quite a lot of evil powers. In this regard, she indicated that the greatest challenge for Christians is to get Indians to believe in Christ, especially to the point of realising and accepting that God is the only Living God and cannot be equated to their many “gods”. The talk was interspersed with beautiful Indian songs and dance.

Just before we could have lunch, the formal presentations were closed with a session which focussed on praying for India. The main focus of the prayer was on the following: Praying for God to send Christian workers to the many unreached villages of India where there are no Christians. Praying that the people groups that have previously been resistant to the Gospel will now open their hearts to Christ.

Pray that God will use the current socio-economic changes in India to soften people’s hearts to spiritual change so that they will receive Christ.

Pray that the Gospel will continue to spread rapidly through church planning movements.

Pray for the protection of the Church in areas where there is persecution.

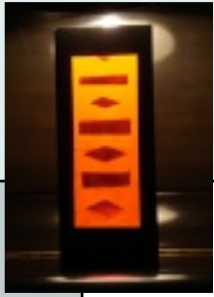
We were then treated to a typical Indian speciality – bryani – followed by an Indian dessert which proved to be the favourite amongst the audience.

Let us continue to remember India in our prayers.

***By Matshepo Matoane***

***Photos by Missy van Heerden***





"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." *Mat 5:16*

# Salt and Light

by Ruth de Villiers

*L@C interviews*



**MOLLIE WEBB** was retired... until four years ago when there was a sudden and urgent call to come save the situation by serving as acting manager of the Pretoria YW in an unexpected crisis. That was then... this is now and Mollie is out of retirement, firmly entrenched as the official Manager. In the last issue we also focused on the YW, interviewing Margrit Temple about her role as national chairperson. Now we're on local level. Find out how Mollie and other folks at Central serve as light and salt to our local YW... Mollie was received into membership at Central recently and you got to see what she looks like. Now find out what she's up to in the 'Y'.

**L@C:** How did you first get involved with the YW, Mollie?

**Mollie:** I first came to know about the YW when I decided to move to Bulawayo and needed a place to stay in 1962/3. I had never heard of the YW before, but it seemed a good place to stay, close to where I found work in the centre of the town. But, oh dear, I was quite put out when I realised I would have to

attend a "church" service once a week and these meetings were held in the TV lounge and, in those days, they were compulsory. There was also a 10 minute Epilogue in the evenings before supper.

**L@C:** Doubtless just like some of the girls you deal with today. What caused the change?

**Mollie:** I was sitting in the TV lounge when I heard the bell go for the Epilogue – I can remember thinking – "I have to go to the church service, I don't have to go to the Epilogue as well!!" so I quickly ran out of the TV lounge into the sitting room and waited for the supper bell to go after the short Epilogue. Imagine my surprise when the Assistant Manager and a few of the "good" girls came into the sitting room. I didn't know that for the Epilogue which wasn't well attended, they used the sitting room. So I was trapped! That was my first almost one-on-one meeting with the Gospel (during our Church service I made sure I never listened at all – I suppose because it was compulsory).

**L@C:** How did you graduate from being a 'Y Girl' to a 'Y Manager'?

From that time on the Lord had His Hand on my life and when I gave my heart to the Lord a few years later, I knew that all I wanted to do and be was a Manager of a YW. It was a process of

being trained by different managers in different YW's around the country till one day – praise the Lord! - I was given a chance at running a YW. I was made Manager of the East London YW. I could never explain the joy and satisfaction of having actually achieved my heart's desire.

When I retired in 2003 I was helping a friend of mine by looking after her mom who was elderly. I was prepared to do my best – can't say I was over the moon – and I realised I still had enough get-up-and-go in me to carry on as a Manager in a YW.

So I got in touch with our National Office in Johannesburg and offered my services again if needed. Not too long after that I was given the opportunity of running Pretoria YW. Fabulous!

**L@C:** Do you get some difficult girls – rebels, etc? How do you handle this?

**Mollie:** Well, the girls behave the same in 2008 as we did in 1963. We get the well behaved girls and we get the noisy ones. How do I cope with the naughty ones? Well some of the antics they get up to, I can almost see myself doing those things in my “unsaved” days. So I have that advantage and can put a spoke in their wheels. One thing I am glad about, I don't have a dog – when I was a resident in Bulawayo Y, I decided to paint the manager's Black spaniel White. To see the look on her face when she came back from a meeting, well, it was worth it!!!

But some problems are more than just mischief or even naughtiness and, in those cases, we have to be very strict. We have rules. For example, no friends – female or male – are allowed upstairs in the bedrooms. When girls offend we give only one second chance. Often we phone the parents, who are shocked and sometimes they come and take their daughters home.

**L@C:** How can we support you?

**Mollie:** Here in Pretoria YW we are truly being blessed by the Lord. Our house has been full for most of this year, with a waiting list, and most of our prospective residents heard about our House from the girls already staying here. Parents hear about us and love putting their daughters in the Y, because they know our standards and that we will support them in discipline. We can't live the girls' lives for them, but we do try to prepare them for

the real world out there. Some come from small village communities. We have girls from the Eastern Cape, Namibia, Swaziland, Lesotho, even from the DRC. Our residents are aged 18-24.

When I was a “Y-girl”, we were working girls.

Now we have only five working girls, out of more than 60. The rest are at college, university or even at school.

We do need Prayer support – pray for the staff, that we will be sensitive to the problems the residents have and how to help them. Pray for the residents that they will be challenged by the speakers we invite to bring the Message of Hope to them week by week.

**L@C:** Any practical areas where we can help?

Yes, and here folks from Central are already playing a big role – but we need committee members and, ideally, younger ones. Local committees assist the Managers in decision making, financial or legal expertise and countless other ways of practical support. Some of the committee members are Margrit Temple, Theo and Elizabeth Scott and Sylvia Clarke. Our treasurer, who does a great job with our finances, is Les Jamieson. He is one of our trustees and so is Ruth de Villiers.

**L@C:** Mollie, you're much more than an administrative manager. You're up to wood work and all sorts of things...

I love the practical things – I fix electricity too. Come and see the two wooden garden benches we've just redone with new slats and varnish. (L@C; an expert job!)

I praise the Lord that I'm well and can do what I really want to do – that is, work in the Pretoria YW!

SALT and LIGHT is a feature of Life at Central for the time being. If you are serving as salt and light in society, tell Kim Gush or Ruth de Villiers, and likewise if you know of someone else who is! What's more, other interviewers are welcome - let us know if you are able to co-ordinate an interview.

# Campus Outreach Johannesburg



In November 2002, **Campus Outreach Johannesburg** (COJ) was launched and we were 20 American staff. Today, COJ is 13 national staff and 19 Americans.

To the left is our COJ staff team photo taken in December--with several of us absent. Our COJ team is divided out into ministry teams at University of Johannesburg--Kingsway, University of Johannesburg--Bunting, Witswatersrand University, University of Pretoria, and administrative staff. We are thankful for our team dynamic that is also like our family, as we live and serve the Lord together.

To the right is the **Cross Cultural Project 2008 team!** Campus Outreach in the States sends student leaders to come to our campus' in South Africa for experience in sharing their faith in another culture. Our campus' team comes from North Carolina and South Carolina. They will be coming 8 June through 5 August this year. Please be praying for the students they will meet on the campus, courage and opportunity for them to share their faith, and God's will in their sanctification as they are here.



## Paul & Haley Miedema

married 9 December 2006. Paul came with the COJ launching team and is now Campus Director for the UP staff team. Paul became a believer in high school, and Haley became a believer at university where both got involved with Campus Outreach. Paul leads some older guys in Taalbos and the UP staff team. Haley leads some of the older women and second years.



Paul & Haley, One, Charity, Sammy, & Jackie

got involved with COJ at the University of Pretoria in 2004. This is their first year on staff. Sammy has ministry in Mopanie and with hockey players. One ministers to older guys from Boekenhout.

**Charity Somo** became a believer and began her involvement with COJ in 2003. This is her second year on staff and she has personal ministry in Jasmyn.

**Jackie Snider** came with the COJ launching team and is the Women's Coordinator for the UP staff team.

Another student shared her faith with Jackie, beginning her relationship with Jesus Christ and involvement with Campus Outreach. She leads a group of older women and coaches and encourages the staff women.



**Raquel Rivera** came on a previous CCP, and returned to join the COJ staff team in 2007. She also became a believer at university through someone involved with Campus Outreach. She has ministry in Klaradyn, but is currently in the States caring for her mother.



## One Mokgatle and Sammy

Rabolele both became believers and

**"Glorifying God by Building Labourers on the Campus for the Lost World."**

## Alabama Judge Removed



The following is a poem written by Judge Roy Moore from Alabama. Judge Moore was sued by the ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) for displaying the Ten Commandments in his courtroom foyer.

He has been stripped of his judgeship and now they are trying to strip his right to practice law in Alabama. The judge's poem sums it up quite well

*America the Beautiful, or so you used to be.  
Land of the Pilgrims' pride; I'm glad they'll never see.*

*Babies piled in dumpsters, Abortion on demand,  
Oh, sweet land of liberty; your house is on the sand.*

*Our children wander aimlessly poisoned by cocaine  
choosing to indulge their lusts, when God has said abstain*

*From sea to shining sea, our Nation turns away  
From the teaching of God's love and a need to always pray.*

*We've kept God in our temples, how callous we have grown.  
When earth is but His footstool, and Heaven is His throne.*

*We've voted in a government that's rotting at the core,  
Appointing Godless Judges; who throw reason out the door,*

*Too soft to place a killer in a well deserved tomb,  
But brave enough to kill a baby before he leaves the womb.*

*You think that God's not angry, that our land's a moral slum?  
How much longer will He wait before His judgment comes?*

*How are we to face our God, from Whom we cannot hide?  
What then is left for us to do, but stem this evil tide?*

*If we who are His children, will humbly turn and pray;  
Seek His holy face and mend our evil way:  
Then God will hear from Heaven; and forgive us of our sins,  
He'll heal our sickly land and those who live within.*

*But, America the Beautiful, if you don't - then you will see,  
A sad but Holy God withdraw His hand from Thee.*

~~Judge Roy Moore~~

## GETAWAY ABSEILING



*Nervous onlookers!*



*Charles shows how it is done*



*The ladies weren't to be outdone*



*Tim looking braver than he felt?*

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## CROSSWORD MOSTLY ABOUT THE WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT (NIV spelling)



by Lana

ACROSS		
1	Rom 16:1	A servant of the Church in Cenchrea
3	Luke 1	Mary visited her
6		Little children in Sunday school... fry
8	Luke 2:16	The parents and the -----
10	Acts 16	Dealer in Purple
12	Luke 19:4	Zaccheus climbed in the .....fig tree
14	Heb 4:16	Grace to help in time of -----
15		In which letter did Paul say older women must train younger women?
16	Luke 11:12	Will you give your son a scorpion instead of what he asked for?
18	Matt 15:4	She should be honoured
20	Mark 7:26	Jesus drove a demon out of this women's daughter
24	James 4:6	God gives grace to the -----
26		The author of this book was the brother of Jesus. He told us to tame the tongue.
27	Luke 7:37	The sinful woman brought perfume in an ----- jar
31	Acts 9:36	Other name for Tabitha
33	Rom 15:12	To --- over the nations
37	Matt 27:56	One of the women at the cross
38	Matt 11:5	The deaf will -----
39	Heb 12:1	Let us --- with perseverance
40	Acts 8:27	Queen of the Ethiopians
41	Acts 5:1	Wife of Ananias

DOWN		
1	Luke 2:36	Anna's occupation
2	Rev 21:2	Who is adorned for her husband
4	2 John 12	John did not want to use paper and ---
5	Rom 16:12	She worked hard for the Lord
6		Where Jesus was born
7	2 Tim 1	Timothy's grandmother
9		End of prayer
11	Luke 10	Lazarus and Mary was part of her family
13	Luke 21:25	Sun moon and -----
17	Acts 16:19	Their hope was ---
19	1 Cor 7:34	The --- of the unmarried woman is to be devoted to the Lord.
21		Our organist is named after Aquila's wife
22	Matt 15	This woman had great faith
23	Rev 6	The Lamb opened the .....
24	Matt 14	She wanted John's head on a platter
25	Rev 21	----- and omega
26	John 2:7	Water was kept in these
28	2 Tim 1	Eunice was his mother
29	Gal 6:7	Do not ----- God
30	Rev 12	Who confronted the woman?
32	Rev 18:16	One of the colours of the city
34		Where we sit in Church
35	Rom 6:23	For the wage of sin is -----
36	Acts 12:13	Maid

**Mona Lisa's Mother:** "After all that money your father and I spent on braces, Mona, that's the biggest smile you can give us?"



**The problem:** How to get 2 kgs of chocolate home from the store in a hot car. **The solution:** Eat it in the parking lot.

**Diet tip:** Eat a chocolate bar before each meal. It'll take the edge off your appetite and you'll eat less

## ***"Why God Made Moms "***

*( The following answers were given by elementary school children to the following questions )*

Question----"Why Did God Make Mothers?"

The answers:

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

Q-----"How Did God Make Mothers?"

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

Q----"What Ingredients Are Mother's Made Of ?"

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then He mostly use string I think.

Q----"Why Did God Give You Your Mother And not Some Other Mom?"

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

Q----"What Kind Of Little Girl Was Your Mom?"

1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff...
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.



Q----"What Did Mom Need To Know About Dad Before She Married Him?"

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer? Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Q----"Why Did Your Mom Marry Your Dad ?"

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mom eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

Q----"Who's The Boss At Your House?"

1. Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goofball
2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess Mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

Q----"What's The Difference Between Moms And Dads?"

1. Moms work at work & work at home, & dads just go to work at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller & stronger, but moms have all the real power 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's.

Q----"What Does Your Mom Do In Her Spare Time?"

1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.



## GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,  
As Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand has provided  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, to me.*

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3. Pardon for sin, and peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

