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PASTOR'S CORNER

by Charles de Kiewit [Senior Pastor]

Dear Friends

As a young man I worked as an apprentice fitter and turner. I discovered the value of hard hands working with steel; they enabled me to work without developing blisters. I was far more productive in my work with hard hands. I guess that would also apply to the farmer working his fields.

On the other hand I have a friend who is an ophthalmologist. Every day he operates on people's eyes. He does so making use of sophisticated equipment requiring the utmost sensitivity to feel the smallest of movements with soft hands. I remember him telling me that in order to do his work well, he gave up playing the guitar; so as to avoid any kind of callouses developing on his hands because they can hinder the delicate work of eye surgery.

My point is even though callouses on your hands can be a real nuisance, they can be very useful. More and more I see the same principle being true in the life of a Christian. On the one hand we need to be hard; developing a resistance to evil and the works of the flesh. Whereas on the other hand we ought always to be soft; nurturing an openness to God and His working in our lives.

There is a delicate balance here as it is so easy to become hard and callous towards God and His Word and soft and open to the world and ungodliness. I have become more and more aware of this matter of appropriate hardness and softness. Let me explain, one example is that we can so easily focus on assessing sermons, services and ministry in general (good or bad, illustrated or boring, from the text or imported from elsewhere, sound mix good or bad, vocalists in tune or flat...) but completely miss what God is saying to us and doing in us.

Hardness can be hidden by focusing on the means or method and neglecting the actual end intended by God. This kind of practice is evidence of dullness in spiritual matters; whereas softness or tenderness is evident by humble, honest responses to the Word and work of God.

Therefore, as another year draws to an end I want to urge us as a church, as Peter does, to nurture our minds and hearts: *1 Peter 3:8 - Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.*

God's work in us is not complete by this date or that date but it continues until He calls for us or comes for us: *Philippians 1:6 - And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.*

Words from your pastor and fellow pilgrim,

Charles

CARING MINISTRY

by Eric Robbins [Assistant Pastor]



GOD'S GLORY IN THE CHURCH

While we were in the UK we visited Waddesdon Manor – a magnificent Neo-Renaissance “home” built in Buckinghamshire in the 1800’s by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild. We looked around the place for several hours and it seemed that nothing was spared of lavish Victorian opulence. It was breathtakingly glorious, fit for royalty! They even showed us a room where Queen Victoria actually slept on one of her visits!



Waddesdon Manor

In one of the many dining rooms there was something that made a deep impression on me. Like all the other rooms this one was beautifully decorated and furnished. And in the one corner there was an identically decorated screen perfectly concealing the service entrance from the kitchen. I actually had to look twice to see it. We were told that this is where the servants came in and out – so they would not be noticed, gliding in and out almost imperceptibly.

I couldn’t help thinking of the church of our Lord Jesus Christ – of Central our church. All its structures, programmes and activities are meant to display the glory of Christ and the Gospel. If He is to be fully magnified, we as servants of the Gospel need to make ourselves as invisible as possible.



Eric and Ros

How about you and your ministry at Central? Are you happy to serve in the background in order to display the glory of Christ? There are many opportunities to do this in our church. Praying faithfully, showing friendship and the many other behind the scenes jobs. But even the “up front” jobs should be done in such a way that He is magnified and we are hidden. In the Church of Jesus Christ there is no place for big, controlling, visible or important servants.

“In my life Lord be glorified”

Pastor Eric

COMPEL THEM TO COME IN

by Noel Durrheim

In the Parable of the Great Banquet, the Lord Jesus Christ informed His followers, that many guests, who had been invited to the banquet, turned down the invitation, citing a variety of excuses. The host then instructed his servants:

**“GO INTO THE HIGHWAYS AND HEDGES AND
COMPEL THEM TO COME IN.”**

(Luke 14:15-24)

I believe that we, as Christians, should take His injunction to heart and be prepared to leave our cosy, comfort zones in order to take the message of Salvation to needy people, where they are.

Public areas, such as shopping malls, laundrettes, parks, thoroughfares, etc., where people congregate, often provide golden opportunities for making meaningful contact with people, who very often would never dream of entering the door of a church.



An evangelism team decided to reach out to folk outside a shopping complex in Arcadia. They encountered two young men, chatting on the pavement. The team leader approached them

and after introducing themselves, they struck up a conversation with the men. In response to a query as to where they lived, one of the contacts pointed out a tall block of flats, situated in a street adjacent to the one where they were standing. He gave his contact details and residential address to the team and extended an invitation for us to visit him in his home.

The team made an appointment to visit him the following week. On our arrival at the block of flats we encountered extremely tight security measures at the entrance and were only admitted to the building, after our contact vouched for the legitimacy of our visit and escorted us personally to his abode.



We spent some time building a friendly relationship with him, during which we became aware that, notwithstanding the fact that he frequented a church in the vicinity, he lacked assurance of personal salvation. Having obtained his permission, the Good News was shared with him. We were interrupted by a loud knock on the door of the flat. (Note:

Experience has shown the enemy frequently tries to obstruct the process of sharing the Gospel by creating a diversion through an unexpected caller, telephone call, etc.)

In this case, the caller was a young lady, who had come to pay a visit to our host. We made her feel at home, before retracing our steps and in the process established that she was also in need of salvation. What a joy it was to see them both praying for forgiveness and placing their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

Follow-up visits, confirmed that they had both experienced assurance of salvation. It should be mentioned that on our arrival at the young lady's flat, for the follow-up visit, we found three of her friends were also present. The Good News was shared with the group all of whom accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour! We joined the angels of God in praising God for saving these precious souls.

Jesus said:

***"THERE IS JOY IN
THE PRESENCE OF
THE ANGELS OF
GOD OVER ONE
SINNER WHO
REPENTS."***
(Luke 15:10)



Let us heed the call of Lord Jesus Christ:

***"LIFT UP YOUR EYES AND LOOK AT THE
FIELDS, FOR THEY ARE ALREADY WHITE FOR
HARVEST! AND HE WHO REAPS RECEIVES
WAGES AND GATHERS FRUIT FOR ETERNAL
LIFE, THAT BOTH HE WHO SOWS AND HE
WHO REAPS MAY REJOICE TOGETHER."***
(John 4:35-36)

Sunday School at the Hill Campus

The Sunday School at the Hill Campus now has five classes and 28 children! This is a steady growth considering that when it started, there were only three classes with few children. Under the leadership of Brandon Boman, Sunday School ministry recently divided the pre-primary class into two, as there were 10 children in this class. "A highlight is the puppet shows by Sulet and Jaco Zandberg, which both our Sunday School children and teachers love! Thank-you to the teachers for their dedication in teaching our precious children", said Gaby Pretorius. Children from the ages of 2 up to high school are welcome to be part of the Sunday School and learn about our awesome God and His wonderful Word.



Jaco and Sulet's puppet show



Sunday School in action!



WOMEN'S VALUE

King's Rubies, 2014

Dear Ladies

What a blessed time we had at King's Rubies Ladies meetings this year.

I would like to thank each and every person who helped so sacrificially throughout the year. It is God you served, it is God who sees all and it is God who will reward you.

We do our best to try and make our meetings special. I am sure that those of you who come to King's Rubies will agree with that.

Do you remember what our theme has been in 2013? If you said "God can do More" or "The Colour Combinations of Life", you are spot on. Our lives, praise God, are not just made up of one colour, but rather a rainbow of various colours. Each colour being important for the creation of a Christ-like Masterpiece.

We don't like the grey and the dark days which sometimes turn to dark months. Yet the growth and the lessons learned in darkness are so rich and so deep. God, in His grace gives us brightness and sunshine too and during these times we are to warm the lives of others with God's light and love.

Let me remind you of the colours we looked at:

King's Rubies went **Pink and Blue in January** when Michelle Simpson spoke to us on Adoption. Wow, what a privilege to be called a child of God having been adopted into His family. Thank you ladies for the wonderful gifts you brought along for our "baby shower store room". Many new mums in our church have been blessed this year with a lovely gift from

you as they took their new bundles of sleepless joy home. We certainly needed lots of parcels this year didn't we?

In **March** we asked you the question "Are you **Green and Growing or Ripe and Rotting?**" Pastor Charles challenged us to examine our lives to see if we had the signs of spiritual life and health. Growth takes time but it is intentional and purposeful and when growth ceases then life loses its intent. We cannot stop growing – ever! What are you doing about growing?

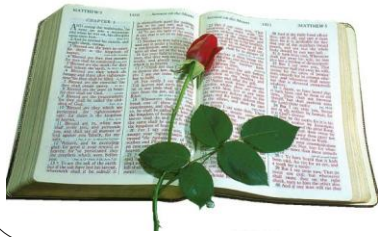
What a **rainbow day** we enjoyed at our **day seminar in May**. Somewhere over the rainbow we tackled the topics of Disciplining our children, You and your Adolescent, Me and my Singleness, Stretching the Rand, Evangelising those Around Us and Enjoying Retirement. A wonderfully colourful day it was.

On a '**Black Saturday**' in **July**, Debbie Holloway shared from God's Word and her heart on the topic of **Depression**. She reminded us that God gives just enough grace for today. We should not expect grace for anxieties over things which might or might never happen. His grace is sufficient for today.

The importance of that **silver lining of Integrity, Honesty and Commitment** was stressed by Mrs Beth De Swart at our breakfast meeting in **September**.

Every single meeting was special, every meeting was meaningful and applicable in our quest to becoming more Christ-like. Can God do more? Yes of course He can and we trust Him to do even more at King's Rubies next year.

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WOMEN'S VALUE

For the coming year, the theme will be discipleship, with the aim of challenging us to become **RADICAL DISCIPLES** in the following areas:

- Being Christ's **Radical Rep** when it comes to non-conformity in the world – **18th January**
- A morning of learning about living a **Simply Simple** life as a Christian woman. What is enough and what is too much? The morning will end with a **wardrobe design workshop and a fashion show** on **15 March**
- **Choose Life** – Living means dying. What do I mean by that? Come and find out on **17 May**
- **People need People** – Do you agree? Or do you think we are independent only needing Christ in our lives? You can depend on us to give you some Biblical answers to this question on **26 July**
- Ah and you can't miss our **September (20th)** spring meeting where we will hear about the **responsibility we have to God's creation**. Come and enjoy a beautiful spring tea in the gardens of our Hill campus.

Oh ladies – all ladies – from the mature to the students and especially the young mums, I encourage you to make the effort to join us on these Saturdays. Because our theme is Radical Discipleship and I challenge you today to step out of your comfort zone and become a radical

disciple.



Have you realised yet, that coming to meetings is not just about YOU. It's about being a disciple, about ministering to others, about reaching out and encouraging others, it's about giving.

When you give I promise you will receive even more. That's not even my instruction but it is God's when He said "it is better to give than to receive". You givers can testify to that.

Become a Giver this year my friend – Give of Yourself to God's work and His people and of course to the unsaved who live around you.

I DARE YOU TO BE A RADICAL DISCIPLE IN 2014

Luv and Laughter

Carol

The *Life at Central* Magazine

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition! Any articles or contributions for the next edition can be emailed to life@central.org.za.

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WOMEN'S VALUE

King's Rubies - the Ministry for Every Woman

WHAT IS KING'S RUBIES?

It is a women's ministry of Central Baptist for ALL women and their lady friends and family members.



At Central, every woman is a King's Ruby. Yes that means YOU. You are special, you are a treasure, you are precious, you are highly valued, you belong to THE KING, you are treasured, you are insured at a high price, you have been bought by THE KING and He owns you, He loves you and He takes special care of you. He shows you off (how do you shine?), you are a unique precious stone, there is not another one like you. That makes you even more valuable.

Whether you are young - old - short - tall - fat - thin - black - white - brown - pink - married - single - rich - poor - student - mother - happy - sad - ugly - lovely - sinful - perfect - Arcadia lady - Hill lady. YOU ARE A RUBY BELONGING TO THE KING

WHEN IS KING'S RUBIES?

It is held every second month and the dates for 2014 are:

18th January 8:30 for breakfast (Arcadia campus);

15th March - Start at 8:30 for breakfast, then morning tea, then home just before lunch (Arcadia campus);

17th May - 3pm for afternoon tea (Arcadia campus);

26th July - 12 o'clock for a delicious winter lunch (Arcadia campus);

20th September - 3pm for afternoon tea (Hill campus).

WHY KING'S RUBIES?

It provides the opportunity for women to attend a gender specific meeting where God's Word is taught. Where spiritual growth is a priority, where ministry opportunities are given, where ladies are encouraged and nurtured, where fellowship is enjoyed and outreach is expected.

WHAT DO THE KING'S RUBIES DO WHEN THEY MEET?

We eat very good food surrounded by beautiful décor. We talk to each other and reach out to each other and get to know each other. We have Bible teachings and sometimes a feature.

If you don't come to Kings Rubies then the question for you is - Why not? Please join us next year, you will be blessed and you will enjoy it, you will make new friends and you will grow in your walk with the Lord.

by Carol de Kiewit

WEIGH YOUR WORDS

Watch your words - choose how you speak,
Bring new courage to help the weak -
Be God's mouth, to speak His worth,
Shout His praise, laugh out with mirth.
Sing with gladness, joyful songs,
For your voice to God belongs -
Bring good tidings of great joy,
For His praise your tongue employ.

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Take His comfort to sad and grieved,  
Help with grace the hurt and peeved -  
Check with love those who complain,  
Those who scoff God's words - disdain.  
Tell with meekness from God's Word,  
About His truths, as yet unheard.  
Share with joy the psalms of praise,  
Teaching all their songs to raise.

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Pray, be silent when in doubt,
When you're angry, do not shout -
Try with love to keep the peace,
Though the tensions may increase.
Just be gentle, loving, quiet -
You may even quell a riot!
For God's presence goes with you,
He will rain His peace anew.

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Do not speak in haste or fear,  
Rather bring a word of cheer -  
Death and life are in the tongue,  
Teach God's Word to old and young.  
Never curse or swear or lie,  
But upon God's grace rely ...  
For bad words bring death and harm,  
But kind words bring healing balm!

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I. M. Durrheim
(Inspired by Colossians 4:6)

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Morning Service Time to Change at the Arcadia Campus

The Arcadia church campus will from 8 December 2013, for the duration of the school holidays, have only one service at 10:30 a.m.. The single service at the Arcadia campus will then continue on a trial basis for a period of six months. This decision was agreed to during the recently held church business meeting in October. The new church time will be evaluated after six months before a firm decision is reached. The decision to have one service on a trial period was motivated by the desire to have one well attended vibrant service rather than two limping or struggling services. The leaders are spread thinly over three morning services which results in less

coherence of the three Arcadia services. There had also been a decline in numbers at the 8 a.m. service since the Hill campus was started. One morning service at Arcadia also allows then for one pastor to cope with preaching, and the other to be more focused on member care. There has also been additional pressure placed on the worship teams which would be fine if the services were growing. Sunday School and Bible Study hour for grown-ups will continue to take place at 09:00 each Sunday, apart from during school holidays when neither will occur. The evening service and the service times at the Hill campus will remain the same: 6.00 p.m. and 8.30 a.m. respectively.

Youth Pastor Identified

On Sunday the 10th of November, members of Central Baptist Church voted that a call be extended to AJ and Aven Meiring for them to consider coming to Central as the youth pastor.

AJ, as he is popularly known, faced a panel of twelve members of Central for a two hour interview, after which the call committee agreed that their names be taken to the church for consideration. He

is currently serving with Cambridge Baptist Church in East London, while his wife Aven is completing her teaching degree at the University of Fort Hare in the Eastern Cape. AJ and Aven are 27 and 23 years old respectively

If they accept Central's offer, it is hoped that they will move to Pretoria in the first quarter of 2014.

This has happened to me...

by Val Nowlan

The experience of journaling is not new to me. I just have not been keeping a journal for some time. At the beginning of 2012 I decided to renew this activity, as I so enjoy the simple act of writing. I soon found that because I was writing solely about the events of the day, it became boring and it did not *turn me on* one bit!

So, I began including Scripture from my daily reading of the Scriptures. To begin with, this was a bit haphazard with a verse here or there. It soon became the first act after reading a passage from the Bible. This simple routine, copying Scripture on a daily basis, has revitalized my devotions. It has brought a freshness and calm to my spirit; new stability; new purpose and it is something that has transformed my devotions, even my life, and has given new direction in many ways.

I share this with you because I find while living in the digital, technological and very rushed world of today, I need a source of calm that is meaningful and penetrates deep into my inner soul. I share this with you to encourage you to venture into this simple world of improved quality of spiritual life with the Lord and His Living Word. Finally, I share this with you to help you, as it does me, remember how to write!

Well done Central cyclists!

by Brenda Knoesen

We have so many keen and energetic sportsmen and sportswomen in our church. Amongst them are two avid cyclists, Craig Rencken and Gerrie Knoesen, who recently took part in the the Jacaranda Classic and successfully took 1st and 2nd place respectively. (Well done!)

The two have been training hard for the the Momentum 94.7 Cycling Challenge, taking place on the 17th of November. They can be seen cycling most weekends, for up to three or four hours at a time. We wish them both the best of luck for the Momentum 94.7.

Look out for our next article, featuring some of our enthusiastic runners in the church.



FREEDOM IN CHRIST = FREEDOM TO BE DIFFERENT



MUMS AND 13-YEAR-OLD GIRLS' GET-AWAY

by Carol de Kiewit

The day was bright, the sun was hot, the atmosphere was thick with excitement as six beautiful 13-year-old girls and their mums climbed into cars and headed out to Ludwig's Roses for afternoon tea and a night away at Bethesda. Nobody knew how the weekend would turn out, but the anticipation was prodigious. This just had to be a memory-making weekend for all; so it was.

The vision for this weekend grew from a seed in my heart which God had planted. I wanted undistracted time away with my daughter, teaching her, guiding her, giving her tools to negotiate the waters of life, to suggest items of armour for self-protection and give her pointers to help her make Godly decisions in the years to come.

I then thought the weekend would be far more exciting if her friends were there as well. They too would benefit from the weekend and there would be more mums to contribute wisdom.

Topics covered during the weekend away included:

- * I'm a precious Master-Piece
- * Establishing a Godly World-View
- * God the Designer of fashion and beauty

- * The "heart-check"
- * My Unique Beauty
- * Submission
- * Friendship and Parent Relationships
- * The use of modern technology – cell phones etc.
- * Boys and Dating

It was a special weekend for me, one which will stay with me as Jamie grows older. It really was a 'memory maker' weekend. I realised yet again what a privilege I have of being a mum, but with that comes such huge responsibility. Thank God for His Word, it gives us clear instruction as to how we should raise our children and how we should all live. This is what we endeavoured to do this weekend away, look to His Word for direction. We discovered that when we know Christ, we have Freedom and when we have a Freedom in Christ we have Freedom to be Different in a Godless world.

Well from the pictures and what some of the girls and moms had to say, the weekend away was definitely a success and that is why we plan to have another weekend away next year. So if you are a mom to a 12-year-old girl(s) then you and your daughter had better diarise the 10th to 11th October 2014 when the next weekend away will be held.



Mums and girls anticipating a great weekend

On the left: Lize Turkstra, Colleen Skinner, Nikelwa Goxo.
On the right: Inutu Kamuwanga, Dorothy Hansungule.



**Look what was washed up from the storm water drains
... 6 happy young ladies**

Here is what some of the girls had to say:

"This weekend was a great experience for me. I learnt so much about things that I have wondered about and had great bonding time with my mom and friends!" - Nienke Turkstra

"I HAD A BLAST! And learnt a lot too. We were taught how to take care of ourselves and how to be girls after God's own heart. We were taught about hygiene, how to set the table and lots more. I'd like to do something like that again. Thank you auntie Carol!" - Tanya Goxo

"The mom's and daughter's weekend was filled with fun and excitement. On that weekend we talked about such interesting topics like how to dress and how we are daughters of God. I made so many memories that weekend. The girls were playing basketball when all of a sudden the moms joined in! It was really funny when most of the moms were sweating only after 3 minutes! I really got closer to my mom and I got closer to my friends too. I'll give a word of advice to the girls that go next year, watch out for the spiders!!!" - Jamie De Kiewit

"This is one thing I will never forget. The inspirational talks on stuff I was confused about, the games like baseball, frisbee, basketball and others. The late night talk that was only between the girls and all the laughing we shared. I also loved the time when we had to make dinner for our moms. It was like a sleepover with God!" - Chipso Hansungule



Making supper – yes it was very edible - they passed the test!



Doing what mums do best - 'yap'

And from the mums that attended, here is what some had to say:

"The mom and daughter weekend was such a great idea. We as moms served our girls, and they served us in return. We really got to discuss the Lord's control over every aspect of our lives." - Lize Turkstra

"Thank you Carol and friends, for making the mother and daughter week-end so special and memorable. Where we looked at what God's view is through the Bible, on how we should be seen through the world's eye view. Carol you reiterated and confirmed most topics that I as a mother have discussed with Michaela. I wish for our daughter's strength and guidance from God, and to always do what His will is. Thank you all for making it possible (Romans 12:2)." - Colleen and Michaela

"I've been reflecting on this quite a while and lack the words to sum it all up. There's a saying that 'It takes a village to raise kids,' and indeed the church is that village. The mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers are that village. What we had is truly a treasure. The Word read, discussed over and over, the fellowship, fun time. I am particularly grateful for the outing because it is a subject that is very close to my heart.

I understand that in ancient civilization, in various cultural contexts, there used to be a ceremony for girls when they enter their teenage years. It would take about a week or so and the lessons they learnt there were invaluable. Now with the arrival of the gospel - the Way, the Truth and the Light - these were abandoned completely. My view is upon forsaking those, there should have been a 'Mothers and Daughters Getaway' with Christ being the centre in those, for every Christian village / Christian community, that is the church.

You will pardon me because this is a subject that is very close to my heart. The scripture in Titus 2:4 kept rolling on and on in my mind, but when I looked it up it sounded more relevant to young brides or something.

Purity, integrity, modesty, true beauty, seeking the very heart of our Creator, talk about those, these jewels of life and wisdom were the order of the day. They were impressed on the young hearts and moms over and over again. I loved it, we loved it. I pray and hope that this ministry will grow, as well as all the girls in the kingdom. Thank you so much Carol. Thank you Central village." - Nikelwa Goxo

"It was such a privilege to be a part of the moms and daughters who went on a retreat organised by Carol at Bethesda, so that mums and daughters could work together in living Godly lives in today's world where being a Christian girl is viewed as being weird.

The aim of the retreat was to teach the young girls to have true freedom and beauty in Christ (1 Peter 3:3-4). Mums and daughters had open communication and it was such a blessing to see all the girls opening up and participating fully. It was a learning process and bonding time for mums and daughters.

The topics that stood out for Likando and I was the 'Modesty Resolution' where one had to resolve to live to please God and bring Him glory (1 Corinthians 6:19-20), and the 'Blessings of Modesty' which leads to Peace, Power, Protection, Purity, Privilege and Praise (Matthew 6:33), when one chooses to walk in the truth that comes from the "Word of God" (The Bible).

In all, the relationship between my daughter and I was strengthened and respect for one another was improved. The girls learnt that one's mum has their best interest at heart for her daughter and that daughters can trust their mums as their best friends to talk to at all times as they change through their teens and life. May God bless you all for the successful retreat." - Inutu and Likando Kamuwanga

"Chipo was inspired and motivated to become more committed to personal devotion times. She has a better grasp of modesty in dress and thinks more about what she wears. Friendships are important to me, so it was a blessing to get to know the other moms better through the things we shared about ourselves." - Dorothy Hansungule



Nikelwa (left) and Inutu (right) practising their modelling skills - in fact I think I'm confusing their roles - Am I mother or daughter?



Our Balancing Beauties

From left – Chipo Hansungule, Michaela Skinner, Jamie De Kiewit, Likando Kamuwanga, Nienke Turkstra and Tanya Goxo

Front: Likando and Jamie, Door Way: Nienke and Tanya
Windows: Left – Chipo & Right – Michaela

BROLI'S BIBLE STUDY takes a weekend away

by Brenda Knoesen

In September, Peter and Sharon Broli's Bible Study group went away to Linga Longa, in Bela Bela (Warmbaths). If you haven't been there, we strongly recommend that you make a plan to go on your own or as a group. It is exactly what a person needs, a breakaway from the hustle and bustle, absolute peace and tranquility. What made the weekend special was that we didn't have to cook or wash dishes. Tasty homemade meals were provided for breakfast, lunch and supper, with some treats during tea time.

Worship, Bible Study sessions, early morning devotions, sharing of testimonies and fellowship were some of the highlights of the weekend. "The teaching was so enriching. The fellowship was awesome. Once again we were able to bond with one another and catch up with each other.

We all live such busy lives, there isn't time to chat after Bible Study", said Dawn Robb, one of the Bible Study members.

Linga Longa afforded us plenty of time for leisure, to stroll in the gardens, read a book, catch up on sleep, and the ladies even got to learn how to play "canaster" (a card game), which they enjoyed so much, that they are planning on having regular Saturday afternoon "canaster" get-togethers.

The weekend was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Peter and Sharon Broli's Bible Study meets every Wednesday, 19:00 at Peter and Sharon's home in Moregloed.

Glenhaven's Spiritual Ministry Team goes to Upington

During the month of October, a team of eight members from the Glenhaven Spiritual Ministry Team bravely faced the 10+ hour trip to Upington in the Glenhaven Combi for an outreach in the Northern Cape's Upington. The team was hosted by Petrus and Mariana Vorster of the Baptist Union, missionaries who ensured that the missionaries had a comfortable stay, nice food and good Christian fellowship.



The group and Mariana Vorster, in Upington, with the famous donkey

During the mission, the team visited different people living in RDP houses, some in tin shacks and even a dilapidated caravan. "In some cases a real eye opener to comfortable us! Aids, alcoholism and unemployment are the main causes of the severe poverty in the area visited. They mostly live on grants of the many children



Our hosts (Petrus and Mariana Vorster) in Hanna's house

who are fostered, born to young mothers, or cared for by grannies", said one missionary.

The group visited the Augrabies falls and had a good and interesting "day off".

"Our prayers go out to these poor people. We also keep the Vorsters in our prayers. It is hard to convert the people, but in spite of discouragement, they bravely soldier on", said one of the group members.



Just visiting

Pictures of Glenhaven's Spiritual Ministry Team's trip to Upington



Petrus and Mariana – the group were also visiting there!



Emmanuel from DRC – Spaza shop owner, church member, and French interpreter



Visiting the soup kitchen with (shy) Fina the cook



The group leader



DSTV?



Some of the youth

GUESTS WHO

The photos below are those of various members of the congregation, taken in their "younger" years... See if you can recognise who's who!

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ANSWERS ON PAGE 21

Jannie and Priscilla van Schoor's Wedding

31 August 2013



"We are so grateful to the Lord for blessing us 'exceeding abundantly above all we ever asked or thought' in giving us a brand new season in life. Our hearts' desire is to give Him the centre place in our marriage, to serve Him wherever He leads us and to give Him all the glory."



"A cord of three strands is not quickly broken" - Ecclesiastes 4:12

JUST DO IT ...

Part three

— by Val Nowlan —

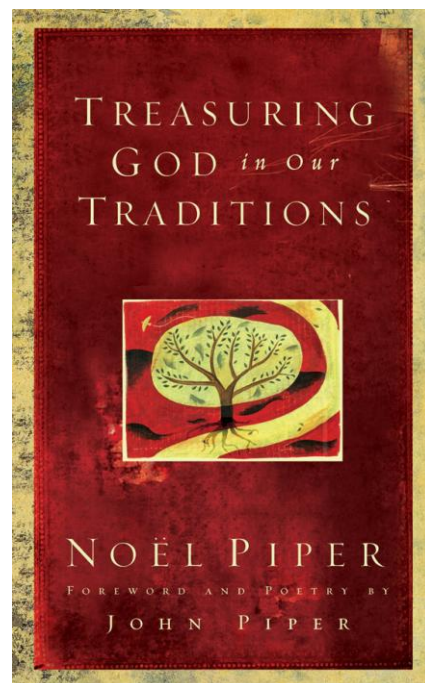
Noel Piper's book *Treasuring God in our Traditions* once again is the departure point for my appreciation of this book. In the final chapter the author shares some interesting points under the general heading *Some thoughts on Worship*.

She clearly states that the home has been the place where their children were taught the basics of sitting still; listening; obedience; quiet activities and especially understanding what she and her husband expected of them. The Pipers found that the greatest stumbling block for children in worship is that their parents do not cherish the hour. So the parent sets the tone by *falling in love with worship*. Her comment that we (as parents) can't impart what we don't possess (a love for worship) is right on track.

In addition, in their family each child has a folder with crayons, pen, pencil and note book. Each child in the first five years has been taught to sit still and colour in and later take notes of what they hear. A trip to the bathroom before the service begins, is part of the routine of attending church. In their home preparation for church went on during the week. Talking about worship; identifying the worship leader by name; acquainting the children with who the pastor is and introducing the children to these people have all been part of their teaching their children about church.

At the end of a service there is praise for the children who have accomplished features instilled in them by their parents. Where necessary, comments were made when there was room for improvement!

The final paragraph makes me smile! For the child who has disregarded the *established family expectations* there is an immediate trip to the most private place they can find. Then the deserved words are spoken and consequences administered as promised!



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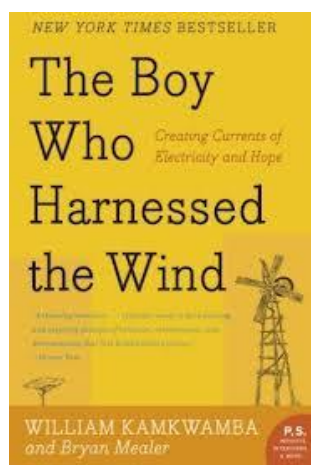
Off the Shelf:

by Wambui Gititu

God's Hidden Hand

Don't you just love true stories? I enjoy them because in them I see God's hidden hand in the lives of men and women whether they acknowledge Him or not. One such book that has just left me in awe of God's power reminding me that life is never scripted and that nothing lasts forever, is *The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind* by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer. It is absolutely delicious if I can use that that word to describe a book. Plus it is humorous and manages to capture the beauty, simplicity and at times desperation of rural life in Africa.

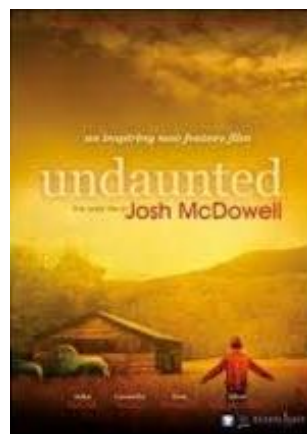
Well, it is the biography of William Kamkwamba, a boy who had an idea that left the villagers in his rural Malawian village thinking he had lost his marbles. Even though William was born in a relatively able family, the famine that struck Malawi in 2006 left many poor if not dead. He was not able to go to school after high school since his family like many in rural Malawi had become very poor. On dropping out of school due to lack of school fees he says, "my greatest fear was coming true: I would end up just like any other poor Malawian farmer labouring in the soil. Thin and dirty with hands as rough as animal hides and feet that knew no shoes". William's fear was that his life would amount to nothing, further noting that "my life would never be determined by me, but by rain and the price of fertilisers and seeds".



William had a passion for education and a curious mind that saw him undertake a project that would change his life forever. He constructed a crude windmill managing to supply electricity for his poor family. It is the kind of book that will make you laugh, cry and applaud human determination and resilience in the wake of adversity. For me it was

another stark reminder that God's hidden hand moves to turn around the tides of adversity, that as we say here in South Africa, 'one day is one day'. The book is available at Exclusive Books at less than R200, definitely a must read.

Another book that has brought the lesson of God's faithfulness is Josh McDowell's real life story in *Undaunted*. Incidentally there is now a movie with the same title about his life. Josh McDowell is a well-known American author and speaker who has worked with Campus Crusade in the US. In his



book *Undanted*, the author manages to capture the sadness of his life growing up with an alcoholic father and a mother who stayed even when her husband would beat her so frequently. In fact the memories of his mother being beaten by his dad remain etched in his mind. Needless to say, as a result, Josh hated God and had such a poor esteem that he stuttered as a child. For him, the Christian message was a sham and to support this, he set out on a journey to prove that there is no God. It was this journey that changed his life forever as narrated in the book. *Undaunted* is available at CUM Bookstores at the good price of about R160; I would recommend it.

Bad things happen to people, Christians and non-Christians alike; like many people, I have wondered why such things happen. I have found comfort and encouragement in books such as *Undaunted* and *The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind* because in them I am able to see God's hidden hand at work in the lives of people whether they acknowledge him or not. I find such hope when I read how God restores and rewrites people's lives; it is why I enjoy true stories.

12 WAYS TO RUIN YOUR CHILD

This following letter, attributed to "a Grandfather from Klipvallei", appeared in The Citizen newspaper. Submitted by Noel Woodbridge.

I am enclosing something which, if published, may help a lot of parents who have teenagers. It says: "These 12 rules for raising delinquent children", and was issued by the Houston, Texas, police department.

- 1) Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way he will grow up to believe that the world owes him a living.
- 2) When he picks up bad words, laugh at him. This will make him think that he is cute. It will also encourage him to pick up "cuter phrases" that will blow off the top of your head later.
- 3) Never use a rod to chastise him.
- 4) Give the child all the spending money he needs. Never let him earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as you had them?
- 5) Do not compel him to attend church or Sunday School. Do not teach him to pray or read the Bible. Rather let him take a rest, seeing that he is tired. When he comes of age, he can decide for himself.
- 6) Let him read any printed matter he can lay his hands on, and allow him to defile his mind and spirit on this garbage.
- 7) Quarrel and fight frequently in the presence of

your children. In this way they will not be shocked when the home is broken up later.

- 8) Pick up everything he leaves lying around – books, shoes, clothes. Do everything for him so that he will be experienced in throwing all responsibility on others.
- 9) Satisfy his every craving for food, drink, and comfort. See that every sensual desire is satisfied. Denial may lead to harmful frustration.
- 10) Take his part against neighbours, teachers, policemen and the pastor. They are all prejudiced against your child.
- 11) Avoid using the wrong word. It may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later, when he is arrested for stealing a car, that society is against him and he is being persecuted.
- 12) When he gets into real trouble, apologise for yourself by saying I never could do anything with him since childhood.

For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap, 2 Samuel 18-33, and as King David went, he said this: "O my son Absalom, O my son Absalom" 2 Samuel 18-33. The heading of this pamphlet is, "How to ruin your child."

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