

REYMAN E MAIL REPORT – 15 APRIL 2005

HELLO FROM SUNNY AND COOLER ALBERTON, SOUTH AFRICA!

The leaves are falling off the trees, the mosquitoes are almost gone, and my morning walks with Hilda, our dog, are definitely cooler. This is Karen bringing you the news from our part of the globe.

TEEN CAMP 05

Eleven young people went on the camp in the beautiful Drakensburg Mountains. Some were youth from the Northside Christian Church (where we are ministering with Brion and Joyce Morris) and some were their invited friends. Paul, Brion and Joyce were the adults that transported them, fed them, taught them and loved them. They had a great four days. Thank you for praying for the camp.

TEACHER TRAINING FOR SAMARITAN COMMUNITY CARE (SCC)

International Disaster Emergency Service (IDES) has provided funding to Samaritan Community Care, a ministry of the Tigane Church of Christ for AIDS work. The committee decided to use the funds to teach Life Skills lessons over seven consecutive Saturdays. After the lessons SCC will provide a lunch for the children attending the lessons.

The children will be divided into three groups by age. The lessons for the two older groups will be from Adventure Unlimited, a program written by Scripture Union in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, for the purpose of teaching about HIV/AIDS. Paul and I taught these lessons in the early nineties to the grade seven students in schools in Bulawayo. The seven lessons begin by teaching about relationships-with God, with families, with friends, and with the opposite gender. Then there are two lessons specifically about how to avoid becoming HIV positive.

On Tuesday, 12 April, Paul and I went to Tigane and had a day of teacher training with those who will lead these lessons. Nine people attended to learn about how to teach and specifically, how to teach these seven lessons. The first session will be held on the 23rd of April and will continue each Saturday until the 4th of June. Please pray for these lessons and the young people who will hear them.

An article in the April 1st issue of the South African newspaper Mail and Guardian, said that AIDS is so prevalent here in South Africa that about 4,000 teachers died of AIDS last year. This translates to one educator lost every two hours.

We are thankful for the funding from IDES, which is making this opportunity to reach many children possible.

KHAYELIHLE CHILDREN'S VILLAGE NEWS

Soneni from KCV wrote to say that the children are all doing well.

“They are enjoying the school holiday. Tendai, Meluleki, Siphon, Peter, Sikhangezile, Thandi, Nyarai, Nelson, Innocent, Bамbelela and Precious

attended a three -day long youth conference in Harare. They reported to have had a great time with the other youth from different Churches of Christ around the nation. It was also a time of spiritual revival for most of them.

The two Nxusani girls, Thandolwenkosi and Nombuyiselo are no longer at KCV. When they came to KCV we were made to believe that both their parents were dead, but we later discovered that it was not true, as their mother is alive and married. The girl's mother then visited the children at KCV and expressed an interest to have her children back. After KCV made consultations with the Department of Social Welfare, it was decided that the girls' mother could take them back, which she did on Thursday, 31 March. The girls left room for two girls, which we be will be filled soon. There are now 35 children.

Volunteer Olivia McClintock from New Zealand arrived on 4 April. The children were happy to see her, especially all those who could remember her from the last time. She was amazed at the rate the children had grown and still remembered quite a number of them by name. We hope she will have a great time like she did last time.”

KAREN SCHEDULED FOR SURGERY

I will have surgery on Wednesday, 20 April, here in Alberton. I am having pain at the site where I had hernia surgery in 1998. There is no recurrent hernia but the pain is getting worse, so the surgeon will try and find what is causing the pain and correct it. I will be in the hospital overnight and then take it easy for a while. Please pray that the doctor will find the cause of the pain and will be able to correct it. Thanks!

POINTS FOR PRAYER

Praise for a good youth camp.

Praise for the opportunity to teach in Tigane.

Pray for the Samaritan Community Care feedings.

Pray for the teachers that teach the seven Adventure Unlimited lessons.

Pray for the children, staff, and Board of Directors at KCV.

Pray for Olivia, the current volunteer at KCV.

Pray for Karen's surgery on the 20th of April.