



Siyandlulisa Prayer News August - September 2011



WEC International Core Passion: Loving Jesus
Core Mission: Reaching People, Planting Churches, Mobilising for Missions
Core Values: Holiness, Sacrifice, Faith, Fellowship
1800 workers from 50 nations serving in multicultural teams among 80 unreached peoples

Children's Ministry Training



Open doors in new areas...

We praise God that He opened the door for us to run a Bible storytelling training in Heidelberg in September. The Sunday School teachers who attended the training were from a number of different churches in the area, including a lady from a neighbouring town, Balfour. The ladies were so impacted by the training, that they planned a combined holiday club for the beginning of October - where they will put the skills that they learned into practice. It is such an

encouragement to see different congregations working together as the body of Christ. The ladies also commented that the skill of passing on the word of God through storying is something that they would like all in their churches to learn. They saw the potential of using storying in youth groups and adult Bible studies - *Lindsey*.

Crèche Ministry Celebration in Slovo/Springs

On 1 October we had a blessed time of encouragement, food and fellowship with the crèche teachers. They each (very joyously and beautifully dressed) received a certificate of attendance for the workshops that they attended throughout the year. We were blessed that Sue, from the Australian team, shared a word of encouragement with the ladies. We were very blessed by the teachers' expressions of gratitude for the work that we did with them this year – *Lindsey*.



Challenged to Grow

This has been an interesting couple of months. Since returning from New Workers Orientation I have been finding my place within the team. I have been stretched and challenged as I took part in the training day in Heidelberg. Standing up in front of a group of adults is not usually something I am brave enough to do. God is so good - I forgot that they were adults and shared the story like I was in front of children. Pray that as I continue with what God has for me here that He will give me the courage to do what He is calling me to. Also pray that my family will be saved, as they are not Christians – *Sue*.

Life Skills and Business Course

Last month Catherine, Simiso, Sindile and Richard attended a Life Skills and Business Course at St Anthony's College. The course gave practical advice on how to run a small business, which we were challenged to put into practice that very week. It was a great time of learning skills that can be used to effectively run the bakery and garden as sustainable businesses. We also had a chance to hear from other young people attending the course about their struggles and the challenges that they face in this country. We hope to introduce some of the skills that we have learned into the trainings that we offer – *Richard*.

Farming God's Way

A new season

We are heading into the rainy season and it is getting busy in the garden as we prepare to plant. We have finished holing out a 50m x 20m plot for maize and will be composting soon. The group of young men, from Thokoza and Katlehong, has completed their five-day Farming God's Way training with us. On their last day of training they planted spinach, cabbage and beetroot, which are growing very well. We presented their certificates to them on 24 September at a Heritage Day celebration at the place where they do their gardening and park development. I will be visiting them from time to time to continue giving them spiritual input – *Simiso*.



Local Volunteer:

Elias Mpapea is a old man, who is 65 years, and has volunteered to help in the garden because of his love for gardening. We have been working with him since December last year and he is indeed an asset. He is faithful and committed. We have given him a his own plot where he works, and grows his own veggies while helping us in our big garden too. We call him Mkhulu ('Uncle' in Zulu) - *Simiso*.

New Worker

Hi! My name is Ruben, I'm 19 years old and come from a small town called Halver in the western part of Germany. I finished college at the end of May this year. During an evangelization week called "Jesus House" in 2007 I became a Christian and since this time I have grown much in my relationship and faith to Jesus. In the last year I felt called to go on a mission-trip for one year and so I applied to WEC Germany. During the time of application there were many 'closed doors', but God always opened 'new doors'. Also, my first week here felt like a 'closed door' because the work was different to what I had expected. But God showed me that I'm in the right place – I'm really thankful for this! One of my hobbies and passions is graphic design – so I can help the team in this way (the results of which you will see in the layout of the next newsletter). I'm thankful that the team welcomed me so warmly and that they have made it easy for me to feel settled! Please pray that my English will improve and that I can be a blessing to the team and the people of South Africa - *Ruben*.



Australian Team

A team of 11 people from Dubbo Baptist Church (Australia) spent time with us from 25 September to 5 October: "The team leaders, Peter and Carolyn, are members of our church and our desire was to encourage and support them, and gain a greater understanding of their work here. While here we put a ceiling in the new training room (the old garages), serviced a number of vehicles including the tractor, put in a new gate, cleaned, sorted, visited crèches, helped in the vegetable garden and bakery, and worked on a variety of plumbing problems. We were able to purchase materials needed for these projects thanks to the generous giving of our church. We also bought resources for the community crèche libraries. We have endeavoured to be an encouragement to this team and have also been greatly encouraged and blessed by them. We thank them for their warm hospitality and their patience with our Australian sense of humour. We now have a greater understanding of the Ministry here and will encourage our church to pray and support all those here at Siyandlulisa. For details of our adventures take a look at www.dbcsouthafricatrip2011.blogspot.com" - *Dubbo Team*.

THANK YOU Australian Team!



Prayer Points

14 October: Final Creche Teacher Workshop and Celebration day in Langaville. Please pray for strength for all the teachers as they start to prepare for the busy, and often stressful, graduation season beginning in November.

15 October: Bible Storying Training, Daveyton. Pray that the word of God will minister to the hearts of those attending, and that they will be equipped and inspired to share the treasures in the word of God with children and adults through storying.

22 and 29 October: Creche Ministry Facilitators Training. This training is an integral part of the hand over of this ministry to locals. Pray for strength for Lindsey as she leads the training, and that all those attending will catch the heart of the work. We praise God for the number of teachers who asked for such training even before we mentioned it to them. We are passing it on - 2 Tim 2:2!

24 Oct - 25 Nov: Faith Campbell is writing her final Matric exams. Please pray for peace and clear thinking as she studies for and writes the exams. Also pray for Hayley, Gift and Caroline as they write their end of year exams.

24 November - Baby Parker is due to arrive! Please pray for Richard and Lindsey as they adjust to parenthood and the demands of a newborn.

Please continue to pray for Catherine as she develops the bakery into a sustainable business. Pray that her market will continue to grow and for wisdom as to the location of the bakery.

Please pray for Simiso and Sindile for wisdom regarding Bible School next year, as they were not accepted to their first choice of Bible School.

Praise God for Ruth who has taken on the responsibilities of admin and finances - an answer to your prayers! Pray that she will have enough time for these tasks and her language learning and orientation.

Praise God it is going well with the Living Word Bible School and they have settled in. It is great to have them around! Pray for the students as they study, that their knowledge, understanding and personal relationship with the Lord will grow and become deeper.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support,

**Peter and Carolyn, Richard and Lindsey, Simiso and Sindile, Raine and Ruth,
Catherine, Sue, Emma and Ruben**