

Leon Harmse – The Word of God to our Children

The Ministry

It has been a wonderful month of hard work. It all started with the Holiday Bible Club that ran from the 29th Sept to the 2nd October at Birchleigh BC at the same time as Nick & Sheila was running one at Constantia Park BC.

On the 5th of Oct I went for my first assembly at the High School and to say the least it was very formal but everything that I expected it to be, as this was my old High School I know the basics of what to expect.

Thereafter it was back to the normal Schools, Jeugpark, Busy Bee and Saffola (there roof has still not been fixed) for a blessed time of ministry. I am slowly becoming aware of a change in the heart of particularly one girl in Grade 7, please pray for her as I am convinced that the Lord is working with her.

I have started a weekly ministry at an Afrikaans Afterschool / Pre-School in Norkem Park, which is a blessing & challenge at the same time.

On 17th Oct I went to a little township outside Groblersdal called Tafelkop with Freddy (one of the other SWYM workers) and we trained adult on evangelism and I spoke on Acts 1:8, everything had to be translated (my first experience) and so a 30 minute talk took 50 minutes, but we had a blessed time.

On the following Saturday (24th) myself and Freddy attended a Thanks giving day at the Pretoria East Hospital where we spent time with 50 of the staff, praying and speaking of God's goodness.

Thereafter, from 26th to 29th Oct, I took a much needed break of solitude at friend's farm in the Heidelberg (Gauteng) area.

Friday the 30th I returned to Schools (Saffola, Jeugpark and Afterschool / Pre-School).

Saturday 31st Oct was Reformation Day and I spent that with brethren of various Churches at the Free Grace Baptist Church in Boksburg, meditating on the life of John Calvin.

Encouragements

1. I have travelled over 20 000 km's so far this year, a lot of that was for the ministry and God has kept me safe even as a young driver.
2. It is encouraging seeing change in the hearts of Children (one grade 7 girl in particular) and Teachers, we thank God for that: May He make these changes into everlasting change.
3. I am grateful for the few days away in which I had time to spend reading, praying and thinking about the way forward and the progress so far. I am grateful for Oom Kallie and Tannie Anna for lending me their farm for a few days and the Farm dog for keeping me safe.
4. The new ministry at the Afterschool / Pre-school is very exciting, it is lovely to see them remember what I have been speaking about week after week (I am using the life of David with them but very very simplified)
5. Overall it has been a wonderful month of speaking to various children and adults about the Lord. I thank the Lord for the work He is doing and that He is keeping me faithful in proclaiming His gospel in season and out of season to the glory of His Name.

Date to remember

1. 8th November – Adullam award ceremony
2. 6th - 8th November - Mashoeshoe outreach
3. 13th – 15th November - Badplaas Outreach
4. 19th – 21st November – APC in Botswana

Verse for the Month

1 Samuel 16:7b

“For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance; but the LORD looks on the heart”

Items for Prayer

1. Please pray for that grade 7 girl, which I have mentioned above, for the sake of confidentiality I will not mention the School or name of the child. We have had very interesting conversations in the last month, from what it means to trust Jesus to why is it wrong to worship ancestors. We spoke about reading the Bible and prayer.
2. The Academic year is drawing to a close, much faster than what I thought, some Schools have already closed Assemblies for the year & others are soon to follow. It is particularly worrying regarding the Grade 7's, most of who we will not see again apart from the day we will spend talking to them in groups & individually after exams. Pray that the Lord will help us say the right words, challenge them earnestly & encourage them to keep searching & looking for Jesus, if they don't know Him.
3. The Aftercare / Pre-School is a wonderful opportunity to minister to very young children (some even as young as 4). But that said; pray that I will be continually simple, yet earnestly clear of to Lord's call to trust in Jesus. May God be gracious and save them, even now.
4. Continue to pray for the Holy Spirit's work in the life of Children and Teachers and all those we minister to, also pray that I will be clear and well prepared so that I do not stand in the way, but rather aid the Lord's work of saving.
5. I am grateful for the increase in my finances again; it just goes to show that the Lord looks after those who labour in the ripe field that He has prepared.

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