

Leon Harmse – The Word of God to our Children

The Ministry

2010 is here with no time to rest. It has been a very busy month indeed. It all started with my first assembly at Busy Bee on the 13th of January, the day that the schools opened for 2010. That was followed by Saffola and Kabouterland on the 15th. The next week was when things really started **to get** heated up - 18th – 24th: **Monday:** Busy Bee, **Tuesday:** Norkem Park Sound Training, **Wednesday:** Busy Bee, African Pastors' Conference PTA, **Thursday:** APC PTA, **Friday:** Saffola, Jeugpark and Kabouterland. Then the following week 25th – 31st: **Monday:** **Mehlareng** Combined School, Busy Bee and Prefects' Training Camp, **Tuesday:** Jeugpark and Prefects' Training Camp, **Wednesday:** Busy Bee and Prefects' Training Camp, **Friday:** Saffola, Jeugpark and Kabouterland. Then on **Saturday I helped** Birchleigh BC's Christian Worker move to Birchleigh.

Busy Bee has a new Principal and he is a confessing Christian with an interesting witness of how the Lord saved him. The new changes at Busy Bee seem encouraging and he is much liked by scholars and educators alike. He seems strict but in a loving way and is working very hard at bringing the school to a higher level. On Friday the 15th I found a new farm school by accident (This is often the way we find farm schools as they don't really have an address) and we went on **an** official visit to find out if we can help with assemblies. After a warm conversation that **lasted** around **two to three** minutes we started with our first assembly there Monday the 18th and it seems that it will now be a weekly appointment, which comes **with** much excitement, but with some logistical nightmares. Thankfully Busy Bee was willing to move their assembly to 9:30am on Mondays which enables me to cover both these schools on a weekly basis. The Prefect's Training Camp went very well and the total of **3 teachers** and 23 prefects that attended proved to be a good number to ensure the much needed individual attention could be given.

Although it has been a very busy few days and I feel that a holiday is in order, I am so excited about the new year and all the challenges that it may bring.

Encouragements

1. Our work has now extended to such a point that our hands cannot do it all. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays seem to be the greatest challenge. However, we are convinced that the Lord will make a way for all this to work out. By adding more hands.
2. Busy Bee seems like a completely different school this year, with a new Principal and some new children and their desire to make SWYM's ministry very central in their program. This was visible by their willingness to move their Monday assembly 1.5 hours later to accommodate us.
3. After a very long break, it is encouraging to see that the children could still remember some of the details of the Bible Stories of last year. Furthermore it is exciting to see their desire to learn more this year.
4. It's out with the old and in with the new. Last year we greeted many children that we may never see again, however this year there are new ones we can teach. New grade 7's with a year to influence them and new Bible Stories to tell. Next week is the death of King Saul and Jonathan and the official crowning of King David, after much anticipation.
5. I am so blessed financially this month and for a few months to come. God is good.

Dates to remember

30 Jan – 5 Feb – Clarens Outreach
13 Feb – 14 Feb – Polokwane Outreach
21 Feb – 26 Feb – Adullam Prefects' Training with +- 200 children
26 Feb – 28 Feb – Pretoria East Hospital Family Camp.

Verse for the Month

"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37-38

Items for Prayer

1. **NEW WORKERS IN KEMPTON PARK AREA:** Even just on a temporary basis **it** is a great desire. Nick & Sheila are away on outreaches & deputation for a large part of the next six months & that means that a lot of the responsibilities for the week to week ministry will fall on me. I can't be at two places at once & there seems to be a need for me to be at three places at once at times. I am grateful for Pastor Jefferies from the Afrikaans BC, Kempton Park, **who** is willing to help out on **occasions** but more help is desperately needed. We need help on occasional Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays. Most assemblies range between 15 minutes & 30 minutes. Please pray for this & see if the Lord **is calling you**.
2. **NEW WORKERS IN PRETORIA / MAMELODI AREA:** Carol Davies now has a full-time position as a teacher at a School & so that means that we cannot continue with assemblies at FF Ribeiro on a regular basis. Their assembly takes place on Thursday mornings & lasts about 20 minutes. Please pray for this & see if the **Lord is calling you**.
3. Spiritual growth. It is of no use to remain dormant spiritually. I must grow in order to feed hungry souls daily. Pray that I may grow so that others can grow because of my ministry to them.
4. Stamina is greatly needed. This year started with an explosion & it seems like it was set alight like an oil field that cannot be extinguished. We need all the energy we can get. Pray that the Lord will keep us fresh & focussed on the work at hand.
5. Pray for our ministry in 2010, this is the Lord's work and we cannot do this on our own. We share the Word, but God enlightens the mind and brings **s** children to Him. I do not know of even one of the children that I work **with is saved**, there may be some, but I don't

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