

Leon Harmse – The Word of God to our Children

The Ministry

September has been a very busy month. 3rd-5th Sept we ran a club at the Sola 5 Conference at Brackenhurst BC in Alberton with about **20 plus** children. On arrival at Saffola Primary Farm School on the 4th of September the roof of one of the classrooms had been blown off due to the strong winds the previous night. To date the roof has still not been repaired as they are waiting **on** the **Government**. Much prayer is needed for this as they only have one classroom per grade.

From the 14th - 16th of Sept there was an African Pastors' Conference in Limpopo, where I assisted with the recording and bookshop. This is a ministry of Birchleigh Baptist Church (BBC), my sending church, & other organisations. **This is one** of my newly added responsibilities. During our time at the **conference** my car broke down, but fortunately we were able to repair it with **some expert & kind help**. Then, on the 19th Sept we **facilitated** a Visually Speaking training course at **Constantia Park Baptist Church**, (CPBC), training adults **to** work with children. This was followed by our annual Christian Youth Camp at Ora et Labora from the 23rd - 26th Sept. The 29th Sept – 2nd Oct was taken up by a Holiday Bible Club at **BBC** while Nick & Sheila were running another club concurrently at **CPBC** and in **Tembisa**. **Jenni from KGM (a ministry of BBC) led a club in Tembisa. I am thankful** for all the helpers at Birchleigh, including Lisa?? for crafts and Chris Pienaar from Bethany Baptist Church. **They were so crucial to the running of the club.**

During all this we continued working in the schools as normal and standing in for one another on occasion so that the schools' ministry **continued along with all** the other activities.

Encouragements

1. The roof blowing off at Saffola Primary Farm School opened the opportunity **for me to** speak and pray with the Principle and staff. **This** was a wonderful opportunity, especially from the **Principal who admittedly** is not a Christian. God works in mysterious ways.
2. Even though my car broke down in Polokwane in the middle of the road in a very scary area, God was faithful, as He has promised, in supplying in my every need. **The car** was towed in and repaired at no cost to me. This is thanks to the generosity of the Auto Electrician (a friend of Cyril Chetty) doing a 4 hour repair job at the cost of the replaced part, and the wonderful supplies of finances from **various** friends. **Thank you so much.**
3. Even though it has been a very long month, with many activities and opportunities for teaching, I have been able to keep the stamina up and be zealous in proclaiming the truth of Jesus Christ to children and adults alike.
4. Two new opportunities for Afrikaans teaching have finally opened up. A High school and an Aftercare / nursery school. We thank God for that.

Dates to remember

Pretoria East Hospital outreach 10th October
Clarens outreach 12th to 16th October
Klerksdorp 23rd to 25th October

Verse for the Month

Ephesians 5:17
*"Therefore do not be foolish,
but understand what the will of the Lord is."*

Items for Prayer

1. This is the final term I have with Grade 7 and grade 12 learners and possibly others, there is still much work to be done and time is running out. **Pray that** the Lord **will** bless every effort to tell these children about Jesus. **Pray for conversions.**
2. **It was** a busy month, **with** many opportunities to teach many children that I would possibly never see again, may the teaching have a lasting effect, may children be challenged and turn to **the God of salvation as He turns to them.**
3. Pray for the new opportunities at the Afrikaans High School in **Birchleigh**, (**whose** ex-principal passed away very recently). **This** is the High School where I matriculated. An Aftercare / Nursery School in Norkem Park based on Christian values, pray for simplicity and clarity as I address these children.
4. As we study the Life of David, may **God's** greater Son, **Jesus Christ**, be central in my mind and teaching, so that children may know **Him**, and through **Him know God the Father.**
5. That my feet will tread the ground that God wants me to tread and proclaim **His** Son on every occasion that presents itself. That I may be faithful in proclaiming the riches of **His** grace as He has revealed **Himself** to me through **His** word.
6. As the Lord supplies in my every need in his time, let me be patient as I await **His** provision. He has promised to be faithful and He has been thus far, even through the strangest means you could ever think.

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