

AUGUST 2021 Newsletter

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Dear valued partner,

Well July certainly had its challenges with the stricter lockdown and the devastating effect of the looting but we have survived and look forward, with hope, to all that God has planned for us. At least August showed an upturn in business and general morale.

We continue to reach out to individuals and businesses to secure additional partnerships.

I am very excited about our upcoming Facebook page launch with marketing video and website. More info to follow so watch this space.

Just some feedback on the large coin deposit – I was finally able to deposit it and it amounted to R2000 – what a blessing. I was also able to sell 32 six packs of the Bene water that was donated to us and that is also a nice lump sum.

This month we were also blessed with some furniture and décor items as well as an asbestos pond for our resident geese. Thank you so much.

Some exciting news on a personal note is that I will be going to Uganda on a mission trip in October. Really looking forward to that. This will take place just before my 2nd year Charis Bible College Graduation.

Vision

To provide the perfect environment for people to encounter God and hear the Gospel.

Equipping people, through teaching, to spread the Gospel

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On the project front, we are thrilled to tell you that your contributions thus far have helped us deal with a burst water pipe, which happened with that last very, cold snap in July. We have made all preparations to replace the pipes and have bought a plastic water storage tank to replace the old asbestos one that is currently in use. For some reason the tank is open at the top and therefore not ideal. The fittings are also different and we weighed up the fact that it would definitely need to be replaced in the future and the fact that we managed to source a tank at a very good price now, made the decision easy.

THANK YOU FOR LOYAL SUPPORT AND OF COURSE FOR YOUR PRAYERS. None of this would be possible without you.

And now for the best news so far -

As you know we are working towards reaching an amount of R60 000 in order to throw the floor slab and float it. In preparation for this we have levelled out the area and will be compacting it this week, so that we are ready for the concrete truck delivery. (Image 1(before) and 2 (after)).

As at the end of August we are sitting on a total amount of just over R54,000.00 !!!!



Image 1 - Before



Image 2 - After

Look out for our October Lucky Draw Raffle where you stand a chance to win a free range Christmas Whole Lamb. All proceeds go to the Sojourn Building Fund.

Stay a while

We live in such uncertain times and it's easy to get to a place where we don't know what is real or who to trust. It got me thinking back to a time when I walked out of my home one night at about 19H00 to find the most spectacular, massive red moon rising in the sky. At the time we lived on a hill and the view of the surrounding suburbs was incredible, not to mention that the moon seemed to hang down so close to the end of our patio, I felt I could touch it. It literally took my breath away. And as I looked around to find someone to share my discovery with, I noticed that all the houses around me were closed shut and I could hear the TV's playing from inside. I felt sad that people were missing this awesome sighting. And then it struck me – God is so faithful. The sun shines every day and every night the stars and moon replace it. The seasons move from one to another seamlessly and at exactly the right time. The ocean flows to shore and is drawn back continuously without transgressing it's boundaries. All of these, and so much more, take place whether we notice or acknowledge it, or not. God is so faithful. He is the only constant in this world. Faithful is defined as "remaining loyal and steadfast". The examples above are a testament to His incredible loyalty and steadfastness – His Faithfulness. So be assured today, that no matter what you are facing, fix your eyes on Him because you can rely on Him and He will never let you down. His Word confirms this :

2 Thessalonians 3:3 But the Lord is faithful and He will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.

Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the Lord Your God is God, He is the faithful God, keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep His commandments.

I cherish each and every one of you. Be blessed.

Theresa