

JULY 2022 Newsletter

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Dear valued partner,

Can you believe we are already past halfway through the year? We are so looking forward to Spring and there is such a sense of excitement and expectation in the air. On the Sojourn Property the gardens are turning green, the ewes are lambing and everything seems to be getting ready for something big.

PROJECT PROGRESS

Our hearts biggest desire is to send you photos of the start of the building project, but I believe with all my heart that our next newsletter will contain some for sure. Proper planning is vital and we've made some adjustments to the original design so this has caused some delays – but preparation time is never wasted time, so we embrace it as part of the process.

We are almost ready to break ground!!!!!!

Our plans have been drawn up, we have consulted with our roof installation contractor for design ideas and quotes, the steel structure materials have been allocated and the builders are on standby.

Also, our website and Facebook pages are almost ready to go live – we will send the links out shortly for comment.

The fundraising continues and our building fund is growing steadily.

After months of waiting, *we are right on the cusp* of starting this incredible and exciting journey – and we can't wait !!!! We will be keeping you updated every step of the way.



Vision

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

Equipping people, through teaching, to spread the Gospel

Banking details

**Sojourn Retreat
FNB – Cheque
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **SAVE THE DATE !!**

Sojourn will be hosting Evelyn Monteiro from Zayin Charity for a Dream workshop on the 8th October 2022. God can speak to us through our dreams and Evelyn wants to teach us how to interpret these. Please save the date for this life changing encounter.

Stay a while (Sojourn – a temporary stay) – Look at the birds (God’s wonderful provision)

So many of us are carrying huge financial burdens in the wake of COVID. And this can lead to absolute despair. In Matthew 6vs26 “Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap, nor gather into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?” This is such a well-known verse and it’s so easy to quote it when you’re not in a financial mess. And to be honest, I’ve always thought it was a good concept but I’ve never been able to apply it in my life. Until a while ago. My dad and mom in law have always loved feeding the neighbourhood birds and I’ve never understood the point. They come out to eat and then leave, so there’s no reciprocal ‘relationship’ per se. And then someone bought me a bird feeder – a new novelty. I bought some seed, put it up and then watched as the neighbourhood birds flocked to come and partake of the feast. And it got me thinking – when they started their first morning chirps, they had no idea where their next meal would come from. And I certainly didn’t wake up with the idea that I was specially ordained by God to fulfil their daily need, nor was I called to do so. But God Almighty got someone to bless me with a bird feeder, which motivated me to try it out and in doing so His Word was fulfilled. Isn’t that awesome. And so I want to say today, don’t for one moment think that God cannot do the same for you. Just as he provides for millions of birds and other creatures on this planet, so too, He can provide for you and I. Our role is to step out in pure faith and let Him lead us to the place where He has already been at work to provide for us. He is both willing and able to provide our daily bread and to bless us more than we can ever imagine. So the next time you feel that despair rising because you don’t know where your provision will come from, LOOK AT THE BIRDS and remember.

I so value you and look forward to chatting again soon.

Theresa