

Chronicles from Africa

Robert & Esther Marsh – August, September 2010

South Africa & Democratic Republic of Congo - Church planting and radio ministry & Bible School

Greetings from South Africa,

August was a month of one of the largest and longest strike actions taken in South Africa, by unions. It affected everything including schools, hospitals and other government offices. We have some brethren that were affected with these actions, and some of our church young people in their final year of school and these are the critical months before their “matric exams”. Pray for their safety, and that they will be able to uphold a good testimony in their work places and schools.

For our Augusts’ Ladies meeting we had a special meeting with my sister Tracy Watts, who was visiting from the UK, her husband Simon Watts, pastors Bible Baptist Church of Bury, Lancashire, England. She encouraged the ladies with the theme of “tea pots-What is coming out of your spout?” There were many testimonies given afterwards as to what the Lord was doing in the lives of many of our ladies. Pray for our ladies to grow spiritually and in leadership and serving qualities.

As a family we were able to enjoy having the privilege of some vacation time with Tracy and her son Daniel.

On the 29th August, we hosted a 5th Sunday Rally. Missionary Rodger McCrum was the preacher, and we had the joy of seeing the auditorium full with those from many of the churches, we fellowship with in the Johannesburg area. He encouraged us all in willingness to serve and suffer for the Lord.

The men are getting together every 3rd Saturday of the month. I have been led to teach on leadership in the home and church. Thus far we dealt with the Leadership Quality: “Dependence on God”.

9 – 12 September was our Missions conference, always a blessing. This year, our little church gave over R70, 000.00 thousand Rand (10,000.00 USD) in faith promise to missions. Each mission’s conference we re-commit to faith promise. The commitment for the next mission’s year is R109, 000.00 thousand rand (for our little church this is huge undertaking considering our size). Pray for commitment and faith to meet this. It is not wonderful to see a “mission” church growing in missions!

We had a visit from family from the DRC. Dan Grings was in need of critical surgery, and so we had the blessing of their family being down here for 3 weeks. The Lord undertook for their needs and he was able to have surgery to remove a fast-growing but non-malignant cyst. We saw them off the 10 October, to return to Congo.

They were able to take up copies of the Radio broadcast in mp3 format, which he will be able to download on to small mp3 players for pastors and evangelistic opportunities in the DRC. Do pray for us as we explore the opportunity of using mp3 players, which are so much more compact, and can hold many more messages than the old cassette players. There are some things we have to overcome, i.e. How the pastors can keep them charged in primitive settings.

We also celebrated the graduation to glory of Bessie Gander (Grings). She is the 3rd of the Grings siblings to pass on to her heavenly reward. Heaven seems nearer and dearer.

Wyla celebrated her 82nd birthday. Esther rounded up some of her friends and they took their traditional picnic to the botanical gardens, but as it turned out to be a cold day, they took their picnic to my mother's home where they ate, had birthday cake, and sang many hymns at her request. At Bessie's funeral she again mentioned how "they" were all going on ahead of her, and she just wants to go to Jesus! Do pray for us, that the Lord will give us guidance in her care. It is getting harder and harder for her to keep up. Her Dr has mentioned to us that it is time to look into "Frail Care" to meet her needs.

- Keep Esther in your prayer, as she cares for her mother. Takes a lot of time and emotions.
- Pray for "Nsango Na Bomoi (New of Life) radio program.
- Pray for that we will be able to find the most practical mp3 player for Congo.

In Christ,

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