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# Gathering

For those of you who were able to join us at the gathering I am sure you will agree it was a great success.

All the effort that everyone put in was so much appreciated and worthwhile. We had so much fun, despite the most disgusting weather imaginable. We had a turn out of over a hundred butterflies including their families and friends. It was wonderful to all be together again sharing such a special experience.

The gathering was held at the African Bird of Prey Sanctuary where Kayla, the resident Labrador retriever, joined us for the Saturday afternoon service in their big barn. To a background of rain pattering on the tin roof we heard of a man turning away treasure to find God instead. This was inspiring and beautifully related by Lorna, and enacted by various members of the community! ☺

Afterwards we had a delicious meal of sheep on a spit, which we had been smelling all afternoon. Having eaten, the faint hearted headed for the hills leaving the brave ones to spend the night. The "butterflies" managed to get a roaring fire going while the "pilgrims" huddled inside freezing half to death. We had great fun sitting around our fire, roasting marshmallows and stokbrood, playing games and telling stories and generally having a ball. Eventually most of the Pilgrims joined us! We completed our evening playing cards and, with laughter subsiding into a delightful chorus of snores, we finally got to bed around 1 am.

After bacon and egg rolls we had our Sunday morning service out on the Centre's arena, overlooking the Valley of a Thousand Hills. With God smiling down on us it was most uplifting to experience God's Presence together, sharing in worship and fellowship. A most fitting end to a fantastic weekend.



Some of the lads.

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## PREPARATIONS FOR 2012 FLIGHTS

At this years closing service we learned that Scotty Kyle and Sam Heynes will be our lay directors for the 2012 flights. Both of them are super excited about it all and plans and preparations are already underway in both camps.

Team application forms are trickling in and I must encourage you to get yours in asap as the closing date is early November and team selection will be soon afterwards. We

don't want anyone to miss out due to not getting their forms in on time.

A selection committee will then prayerfully examine all the forms and place applicants where they think they will serve best and be most suited.

It is all very exciting and I think its fair to say we need to give our LDs as much help and support as we can! They need it ;-)!

### Details for 2012 flights:

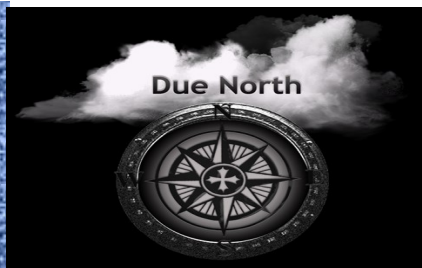
- It'll be held at The Wykeham Collegiate in PMB.
- It'll be separate flights at a common venue—same as 2011.
- Dates are the 6,7,8 of July but team will be there from the 5th.
- Caterpillar fees are R400

## Due North

We received a very exciting email from a butterfly from last year's flight sharing the fantastic news that St Winifreds and the Amanzimtoti Methodist Churches have started their own Chrysalis Accountability group.

Their aim is to spread the word about Chrysalis to other churches in their area and to support and sponsor caterpillars for future flights.—How cool is that??

They call themselves Due North and I think we had better watch this space—I think they're going to be doing really awesome things and will need all our support and prayers. If we, as the



*WELL DONE GUYS!*

community, can help you guys in any way please just let us know and we can pop it on the website or on Facebook or circulate it in other ways. If you have any feedback please send it

in as we'd love to keep up to date with your progress.

If anyone else out there has started groups or ministries or anything, please let us know. We'd love to support you in any way we can.

And a final note on that subject, friends, we need to get the word out there! We need full flights of appropriately sponsored caterpillars for next year! We need to start now!!!

An atheist gets to the Pearly Gates and finds a sign that says "NO ATHEISTS". So he says "I don't believe it!"

## "ET—Phone home!"

I am blessed and cursed to be the owner of a Blackberry. For someone as technically challenged as I am, I find I am inordinately fond of it and it even sleeps next to my bed. I'm beginning to realize that I have become a slave to the small red light that flashes to indicate I have received a message. First thing I do when I open my eyes is to check if that little light is flickering, and if it is then I play a game where I have to guess whether it's a message on BBM, Face-

book, WhatsApp, email, MXIT, or an SMS! More often than not it is just indicating that my battery has run out!

And then I think of God, waiting patiently, quietly wishing that I didn't need a flickering red light to remind me to "phone home!"

That aside though, I am shocked and ashamed when I think of the number of times I check my phone every day, just in case someone has something to say! So here is the challenge- for the next day/week/month - thank God for

*God...wishing... to remind me to "phone home!"*

a different thing every time you look at your phone. I think you will be amazed at how much you have to be grateful for, and also how often you check your phone! I think I know who



## A Word from Di Kyle (CLD)

Spring is officially here!! Hooray!! Trees are coming into bloom and the piet-my-vrouw is vociferously announcing its arrival - "Spring is here. Spring is here". What an exciting time of the year. Everything feels as though it is pregnant with expectation and life. That is the state the Chrysalis Board finds itself in. We have a new year ahead of us and eight months to organise our next Chrysalis Flights. 2011 Flights were almost fully sub-

scribed and awesome. 2012 Flights must be equally good or better. I watched a gust of wind dispersing seeds this morning and the thought crossed my mind that that is what Chrysalis is like - through God's Grace we are blown to disperse messages of love and hope and plant the Word in communities all around South Africa. What a fabulous ministry to be involved in! Fly with Christ all you beautiful butterflies.



*Spread the love!*

## Lorna (our CSD) asks what our “To do” list looks like

Something like this?

- ✓ Feed the dogs (oops buy dog food)
- ✓ Get the report finished
- ✓ Go shopping
- ✓ Make supper
- ✓ Fill up with petrol
- ✓ Get to gym
- ✓ Answer e-mails or SMS's or BBM's
- ✓ Go on Facebook
- ✓ Update my photos on Facebook

And finally

Spend time with Jesus

Funny how we put Jesus at the bottom so often? Especially if we have an early start to our day. In the story of Martha, Mary and Jesus (John 12:1-8), Mary CHOSE the better thing. She chose to sit and chat with Jesus. Martha chose to be busy. Busy is good of course. Just not first.

Martin Luther said, “I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer.” Wow!

The next time you sit down to draw up a to-do list, make sure that Jesus comes first. He must be at the top of the list not the bottom! All your other priorities will fall into place.

## Marius' Music Ministry

Marius Radyn is a very talented musician in our Emmaus/Chrysalis community who is using his fantastic gifts for God's glory. He is also using his ministry to promote Emmaus and Chrysalis. Recently he was faced with a dilemma. He had no means of displaying the song words to enable the people to sing along during their praise and worship. He committed it to God trusting that He would be faithful to provide.

Sure enough, just before the big “Walk

By Faith” event that Marius was concerned about, out of the blue, a 2.5m x 5m, full colour, LED screen was donated, totally free of charge. New it is worth R250,000!! What an amazing answer to prayer and how faithful is our God!

Marius has offered to visit churches, schools or events to help spread the word about these ministries and also to just Praise God with amazing worship. If you'd like him to visit your church feel free to contact him.



*The Screen in use*

## London Riots

A month or so ago, all we heard about from Europe, was the riots that were happening in London. It sounded too terrible, as though everyone had gone mad. All of England was on fire and the youth culture had gone down the plug hole. This certainly was my impression and I don't think I am the only one.

But then I got an email from a friend who incidentally was on the first boy's flight ever in KZN! He happened to land in the UK for a holiday on the day of the last riot, and he offered an entirely different viewpoint on it all.

He had coincided his visit with the Soul Survivor Festival... Which is a week long Christian festival that takes place there every year. He attended it and said it was an absolutely

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amazing experience. But the point he made that stuck with me was :- all that anyone heard about in the news was that thousands of young people

were rioting in the streets and causing so much trouble, and yet, at the exact same time, *tens* of thousands of young people gathered to worship and celebrate God, and not a mention was made of it! How bizarre that such a wonderful event happens without anyone knowing about it, instead we all hear in graphic detail of the destruction and sadness.

But the great news is that it did happen and those lives were changed and as a result, all those guys and girls will go out and spread the word and just maybe reach the ones we did hear about!



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and Nic Wells for our Logo



Always SMILE—  
it makes them  
wonder what  
you've got!

### FOURTH DAY

Our walk to Emmaus was O so good.  
It highlighted, re Jesus just where we stood.  
It taught us about Grace, love and much more.  
When Jesus came knocking, we opened the door.  
Starting as pilgrims, we entered the door.  
Brothers of Priesthood, now it's day four.  
Our Duty in Piety, let's go spread the word.  
Sharing God's love, and all we have heard.  
Godspeed my brothers, and newfound friend.  
Stay close to Jesus, up to the end.  
Be righteous in Jesus, He wants us to stay.  
He loves us so dearly, just trust and obey.

- Reg Alexander

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and Lara for their contri-  
butions.

Please will you send me  
feedback or any sugges-  
tions for improving the  
newsletter.

## Lara's Prayer Plekkie

*"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness", 2 Corinthians 12 vs 9*

Strength is something that we all take pride in and want to experience. We are looking not only at physical strength but also strength of character, a strong personality, a strong sense of purpose, strength of knowing and doing what is right and standing up for our beliefs.

We pray that through our weaknesses, we learn to rely on God instead of our own energy and effort. We ask our heavenly Father that we learn to acknowledge our weaknesses and faults, so that others and ourselves can see Christ's strength in us. We give thanks to our Lord that he is the one who gives us this strength and take courage that Christ is seeking to display his strength through us.

If anyone has anything to contribute please send it in to me - picture, poem, story, prayer, joke, whatever... all are welcome.



Remember to give thanks, guys—1Tim  
4: 3-5

If anyone is interested in getting more involved, Board Nominations are coming up on the 5th Nov. at the AGM. Send in your applications.

God Bless, everyone  
Kirsty OX