

# KZN-DRAK CHRYSALIS

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## Emanate God's Love

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### Encouraging Words from Chrysalis

SA -Val Nel

In the beginning of another exciting year of Chrysalis, I would like us to reflect on what Chrysalis is and what it means to us all.

We often hear that the youngsters who attend our flights say that their Chrysalis Flight was simply said "a life changing event". But I would go as far as stating that it is not only a life changing event but the moment that our lives are transformed forever.

As a result let us meditate for a moment on what Chrysalis is:

I would like to think that it is a 72-hour journey wandering in the presence the Almighty or simply getting a glimpse of Heaven; surrounded by angels, brothers and sisters in Christ, where everyone from Caterpillars, volunteers and sponsors again have the opportunity to live Christianity at the foot of the Father.

It's from the love and grace we experience at Chrysalis that we are encouraged to obey what Jesus commanded of us in Matt 28:19 "Go forth and make disciples of all nations".

Members encourage each other to continue this journey of discipleship, to pray for one another and hold each other accountable for spiritual commitments.

Discipleship is such a 'BIG' word for some of us but in actual fact it is as simple as remem-

bering that YOUR life alone can be the greatest form of discipleship ever preached. We have learned that YOU could be the only Bible that some people will ever get to read.

Together with Emmaus, Chrysalis leaders (youths and adults) and the community, we join in God's mission of renewal, reconciliation and transformation that transpires through His love and grace. It is therefore vital to remember that the purpose of Chrysalis is to support the church's efforts to guide the spiritual formation of Christian youth.

There are many different things that the youngsters attending the Chrysalis weekend will remember, each will have their own special moments, some very different from others. Thus, let us not anticipate what we think these special moments will be but rather have faith that they will experience the Chrysalis - from Caterpillar to beautiful butterfly - and discover what Paul meant when he wrote: 'If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; the old has passed away; and everything has become new'. (2 Cor 5:17)

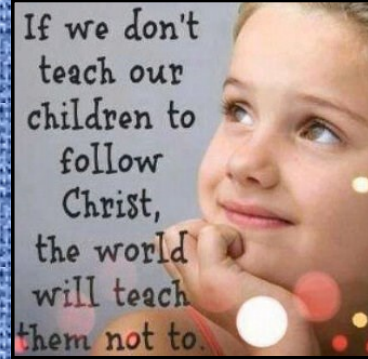
It is not OUR responsibility to make this happen - God will take care of all of that. It is however our duty to allow room for the Holy Spirit to do HIS job.

I would like to consequently encourage you to be obedient to His Spirit and to let Him use you in whichever way, big or small. Remember how vital your role and your place in the community is and in the process of the Chrysalis flight.

Noah built an ARK in obedience to the call of God and it is for that reason our duty to be obedient through building our own ARK (Acts of Random Kindness). I want to encourage you to be the hands and feet of Jesus this coming year. Participate and get involved in your reunion groups. Show Acts of Random Kindness to fellow worshipers but more importantly those who are still in search of the love and grace that can only be found at the foot of the cross.

My prayer for this year is that we as a Chrysalis community will not become a museum for saints but rather a hospital for sinners.

Fly with Christ. Val Nel Africa South Chrysalis Community Lay Director



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-Greg Conolly

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Wow, where do we start. I know that I have some big shoes to fill. My good luck is that I still have him on board. I know no one should get praise, but I would personally like to thank Craig for his time, effort and leadership throughout last year.

There is a vibe amongst our board members that is very exciting and very pleasing to see. I look forward to leading this community and really look forward to some of the ideas that have been thrown around. But more on that later, folks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing

board members who served with passion and diligence. True servant hood, thank you. May God continue to shine down upon you all and continue to bless you all abundantly. Enjoy your rest, but don't go too far, we will find you.

To our new board members, a very warm welcome to you all. I hope that you will be blessed in this ministry. Please, don't ever hesitate to make contact if there is anything you need or if you just want to talk.

Our flight preparations are up and running, the teams are coming together nicely and I would like to wish Vic and Lara all the very best with their leadership with the boys and girls flights. Let us all get behind them and support them in this special moment. Prayers, prayers, prayers folk.

The excitement of the flights is also starting to take place and therefore I urge you all to think of sponsorship over the next while. Prayerfully consider this very important part of the flights and ministry.

Well folks, that's all for now. Stay in touch and get involved in whatever way you might find yourself being called to.

Take much care and God Bless  
Greg

**FEBRUARY 27TH  
2014  
SHINE A LIGHT ON  
SLAVERY DAY**



This February 27th, join us and other Freedom Fighters from around the world as we SHINE A LIGHT ON SLAVERY. Draw a RED X on your hand. Tell your world that slavery still exists and YOU WON'T STAND FOR IT. Just use your influence any way you can to help us carry the message of FREEDOM so even more people know. Let's make this SHINE A LIGHT ON SLAVERY DAY even brighter than ever.

Let's be the generation to stand up for the 27 million men, women and children trapped in slavery around the world today. In brothels. In factories. In mines. On street corners. In homes. In the shadows, hidden. Yet out in broad daylight, in plain sight here in South Africa. Stand with us. Raise your voice. Use your influence. Join the fight for FREEDOM.

Draw a RED X on your hand. Snap a pic. Share it using ENDITMOVEMENT. Let's make FREEDOM go viral.

## A Message from KZN Emmaus - Wendy Warr

Greetings friends,

As we are well into 2014, I want to express my gratitude to the Chrysalis community for your continued commitment to serving God and furthering His kingdom. I pray that your Chrysalis experience, no matter when it was, changed your life, and that it continues to do so. Although I earnestly hope and pray that you serve God in your home church, I also hope and pray that you continue serving God by your support for Emmaus and Chrysalis.

We need your continued support for Emmaus and Chrysalis by sponsoring, teaming, and of course by praying. Remember the wonderful gift of God's Love and Grace you received on your

Chrysalis Flight, so why not pass it on!

Please prayerfully consider sponsoring for the April/May Emmaus Walks.

Walks are being held at Marianhill Monastery, Pinetown.

Walk dates are

Men's Walk #98 24 – 27 April

Ladies' Walk #99 1 – 4 May

Ladies' Walk #100 8 – 11 May

Should you need assistance with sponsoring, please speak to someone in your Church that has been on Emmaus or alternatively you may contact me.

Please visit our website, where application forms are available and where you will be guided as to sponsoring.

We would love to see you, the butterflies

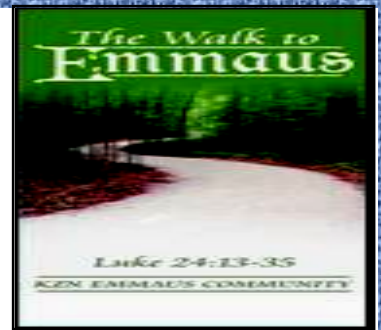
of Chrysalis at our community services.

Please pray for those of us who continue to serve, we REALLY need your prayers and God's direction as we seek to serve Him though serving you.

Looking forward to meeting you at sponsor's hour, candlelight and closing of our April/May Emmaus Walks.


God bless you, De Colores and Fly with Christ  
Wendy Warr, Community Lay Director


Kwa Zulu Natal Emmaus



## What a Ministry!! - Di Kyle

On Thursday the 13th February the call went out on Facebook for members of the All Saints United Church who felt inspired to take part in a bit of outreach, to assemble at the church at 07h00 the following morning. I am sure all of

you know that the 14th February is Valentines day. The plan was to hand out a chocolate heart  attached to a small text to all the motorists stopping at the traffic lights. 500 hearts had been made in order to share a bit of uncon-

ditional love. No prizes for guessing what verses were printed on the text  – that's right, the love verses from 1 Corinthians 13. Watching the 5 volunteers having such fun scuttling from car to car - eliciting a raised eyebrow, a blush, a smile, a giggle, a surprised thank you - I realised, without surprise, that all of them were butterflies who were living out their 4th days as we are called upon to do – sharing God's love. What a wonderful example of what Chrysalis is all about – going back into your community to take an active part in supporting the leadership of your church. Well done to those of you involved – you left 500 hearts with a warm, fuzzy feeling and will hopefully have planted a seed in those same hearts - many of whom might otherwise never have been exposed to those wonderful verses out of God's word. If each and every one of us did a small, loving thing for someone every day, what a truly HUGE difference we would make to this amazing world we live in and what a wonderful example we would be to non-believers. God bless.



## Craig's Comments

My term as CLD ended in January and now as I reflect back, it is

truly humbling to see the selfless sacrifice that all the team make leading up to, and on a flight.

When all these things are considered it only leads me to one conclusion, Chrysalis is a truly amazing ministry. Where else could you see so many different people from different backgrounds serving together for the glory of God.

After the flights we continue as one community serving each other building our excitement for the next gathering or training.

I would really like to thank each and every one of you, for all you have done to make the past year the blessing it was in my life.

God Bless, Craig Wells

## G'REWARDS! - Chris Kenchenten

Looking at adverts on TV and in magazines or wherever, I noticed there are all these free things you can score nowadays... be it "thank you points, Mi Rewards, OUT bonuses" or the most famous "ebucks"... Jup, the more loyal we are the more "reward" we score with whoever it is we are dealing with. But it tends to mean you have to spend a lot of money to get more of these rewards.

Anyway, this gets me thinking about the rewards we gain from being faithful in our daily life as Christians. Sure some of our rewards may differ from one another, because we live differently from one another. But the big rewards remain standard for us all. Eternal love, Eternal joy, Eternal peace, and Eternal life... Let's call them G'bucks. And seeing as these financial rewards are one of those things we just cannot take to heaven I think I will be aiming to receive these G'bucks from God. MUCH BIGGER REWARD don't you reckon?

# 2014 KZN-DRAK CHRYSA LIS BOARD

Andi, Merryn, Tracy, Wendy, Brad, Di, Kirsty (inset Colleen)

(Inset Mark) Chris, Darren, Greg, (inset Mike)

Insets: Craig, Glenda, David, Andre



## Portfolio Holders

Community Lay Director : Greg Conolly

Community Spiritual Director: Andre Du Plooy

Assistant CSD & Prayer: David Moodley\*

Ex Officio: Craig Wells

KZN Emmaus Rep: Wendy Warr

Drak Emmaus Rep: Cameron Boucher\*

Treasurer: Mike Cherry

Secretary: Andrea Beneke\*

Registrar: Tracy Roland

Training: Colleen Harries



Outreach: Mark Stead

Supplies: Darren Gray\*

IT: Brad Petzer

Agape: Merryn Victor\*

Music: Glenda Patterson\*

Board Facilitator: Di Kyle

Fourth Days: Chris Kenchenten\*

Newsletter/Gatherings: Kirsty Kyle

( New members marked with a \* )

Talking about our  
problems is our  
greatest addiction.

Break the habit.

Talk about your joys.

Rita Schiano



Our beloved CLD paying a forfeit for not paying attention during board training!

On a break during board training Greg, Darren, Brad and Chris decided to demonstrate how to lie in the grass along side a tree... either that or how we all fit together like the branches of a tree. Or maybe that they were taking growth through study seriously.... Perhaps they had just lost the plot !



# \*\*INTRODUCING THE NEW MEMBERS\*\*



## MERRYN VICTOR

Hey all, my name is Merryn Victor and I am 24 years old and live in Queensburgh. I am a Grade 2 teacher at an awesome school in Westville and I love going to work every day! I enjoy reading, spending time with my family and friends and going to gym. I went on my Chrysalis flight in 2006 and have been involved ever since!

## ANDREA BENEKE

Hi, I'm 24 years old and am from Queensburgh, Durban. I am a Gr R teacher and love what I do. I enjoy craft activities such as mosaic, painting and am even busy with cross stitching. I went on Chrysalis in 2006 and am very excited to be serving on the board now.



## DAVID MOODLEY

I am a minister in the Methodist Church of Southern Africa and am currently in my 25th year of ministry.

This is my 14<sup>th</sup> year in the Pietermaritzburg region and I serve the Mountain Rise and Woodlands congregations.

I am very passionate about people growing in, and experiencing the fullness of life in Christ Jesus and have found the Emmaus and Chrysalis programmes very meaningful in enabling individuals to encounter Christ in a greater measure.

My own experience at Emmaus in 2010 continues to have a profound effect on the shaping of my faith journey and I literally live with it everyday...

I am most grateful for the opportunity to come on board the Chrysalis team and to offer my services as best I can.

On a personal note, I take great pleasure in experiencing Nature and particularly enjoy hiking and



## DARREN GRAY

Hi, my name is Darren Gray, mostly known as Dazzy5

I commute between Durban and Pietermaritzburg. I grew up in Pietermaritzburg and now currently work in Durban as an accountant where I spend my week. I go home to my family, friends and church on the weekends :)

Running and fitness is something I enjoy between my busy schedule.

I am very involved in Wesley Methodist Church in Hayfields (My Church) I have just been appointed as treasurer of the Church and I help out in Children's Church (Sunday School) as well as run the Café Connect Tuck Shop on a Sunday Evening.

I have a passion for Christ and love to share this with others and also by giving of my time and serving where I can.



## GLEND A PATTERSON

I am Glenda Patterson, I live in Gillitts, I am married to Neil who has his own business writing Computer Software. We have 2 children Dawn ( 23 ) -working now and Stuart(18) –just started studing Environmental Science at UKZN Pmb. I am a nurse by profession and do volunteer work in a primary health clinic environment. I love to run and I do that most days. I love to hike with my husband in the berg or as this year, in the Himalaya mountains. We love Africa and we love to disappear into a remote place in Africa at least once a year. God has given me an huge passion and desire to serve Him with music and in worship ministry and so I lead the evening worship team at HMC ( Hillcrest Methodist) I have a passion for the art and heart of worship.. worship that is beautiful, and authentic and sincere.



## CHRIS KENCHENTEN

Hello folks.

My name is Chris Kenchenten and I will be handling the 4th days portfolio on the board this year. It's an amazing honour to be serving on the board and I look forward to working with you all on the events afoot. Flights, gatherings and all the other little events we have been planning.

Just a little about myself so that you guys know a bit more about me... I am 22 years old and I am an electrician for a local foundry in the Dundee area. My hobbies include a range of different types of fishing, a bit of hiking, birding, some game spotting when the opportunity presents itself, weekend warrior carpentry when I have the time, and I like to drive and travel quite a bit. Mainly KZN though...

So that's basically me in a few sentences... really keen for the year to come and the opportunities that crop up. See you all soon. God bless.



We decided to include a piece out of the manual with each edition for a while so that we all become a bit more familiar with this extremely wise document. Our Board Facilitator (Di Kyle) has undertaken to do so for us. Thanks to her.

**BIG NEWS!! PLEASE diarise the 26th of April as the date of our next gathering/hoot that'll be happening down the South Coast. Details will follow!**

### Sponsorship

This is probably the most responsible and important job in the Chrysalis movement and it is one shared by adults who have participated in an Emmaus Walk and young people who have taken part in a Chrysalis Flight. It is a way to demonstrate God's outreaching love and reflects how He reaches out to people through other people. Good sponsorship is a living demonstration of agape love and makes Chrysalis an act of sacrificial love from beginning to end – love of God, young people, the Chrysalis movement and the church. Do not consider spiritually sponsoring anyone without lots of prayer, planning and consultation. Ideally youth between the ages of 15 and 25 years, of every race, economic background or denomination, who attend church or youth groups, and anyone who genuinely desires to know more about Christ, is eligible to be sponsored. However, do NOT sponsor youth with no interest in the Christian faith. The Chrysalis Flight is not a quick fix for people undergoing personal trauma. Make sure their parents or guardians are happy that they attend and that the youths themselves have a belief that is compatible with the theology represented in Chrysalis. They must also be committed to attending future events in order to grow the ministry. Poorly sponsored youth are a distraction and detract from the experience for the other participants. What a gift you have within your reach – the gift of spiritually sponsoring someone, allowing them the opportunity to meet with Jesus on their own spiritual flight. Fly with Christ.



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**8th of March  
National Day of  
Prayer For South Afri-  
ca.**



One of the most amazing aspects of Chrysalis, to my mind, has to be its ability to cross generations. It offers grandparents the opportunity to grant a life changing gift to their grandchildren by sponsoring them on a flight and this can create an amazing bond between them. In spite of being a youth ministry Chrysalis can accommodate all ages—there is a place for everyone, be it in the team or equally as importantly, in community involvement.

The ol' girl in her Chrysalis shirt is my grandmother (better known to a lot of us as Gram). She has been a responsible sponsor and co-sponsor during our family's involvement with the ministry and

has been a faithful prayer warrior taking multiple prayer slots on the last 12 flights as well as many of the Emmaus walks. We mustn't underestimate the wealth of contribution our silver haired community members can still give us. And we must remember to tap into everything they have to offer us - interest, support, ideas, experience, wisdom, resources, finances, passion and most of all prayer. Just because a butterfly is getting a bit moth-eaten doesn't mean it can't still FLY HIGH!



The Pastor entered his donkey in a race and it won. The Pastor was so pleased with the donkey

that he entered it in the race again and it won again.

The local paper read: PASTOR'S ASS OUT FRONT.

The Bishop was so upset with this kind of publicity that he ordered the Pastor not to enter the donkey in another race.

The next day the local paper headline read: BISHOP SCRATCHES PASTOR'S ASS.

This was too much for the Bishop so he ordered the Pastor to get rid of the donkey.

The Pastor decided to give it to a Nun in a nearby convent.

The local paper, hearing of the news, posted the following headline the next day: NUN HAS BEST ASS IN TOWN.

The Bishop fainted. He informed the Nun that she would have to get rid of the donkey so she sold it to a farmer for \$10.

The next day the paper read: NUN SELLS ASS FOR \$10.

This was too much for the Bishop so he ordered the Nun to buy back the donkey and lead it to the plains where it could run wild.

The next day the headlines read: NUN ANNOUNCES HER ASS IS WILD AND FREE.

The Bishop was buried the next day.



**Special thanks to Val, Wendy, Merryn, Andi, Darren, Glenda, David, Chris, Craig, Greg, Di & Andre for their contributions to this edition of EGL.**

I would like to make a prayer request to our community to pray for youth in the Scottburgh Area and also that we can gain access to our local high school. The Scottburgh community has a lot of young men and women, but there are a lot of outside influences competing for their attention. So our prayer is that a door will open for us to minister into and start bringing our communities teens through Chrysalis to transform our town. God Bless, Andre

This edition has got to have been one of my absolute favourites to put together. Mostly because I didn't write a single article for it! And don't get me wrong, I looove writing, and I especially love writing for the newsletter, but the fact that I didn't need to fill any gaps is just so exciting! So a MASSIVE thank you to everyone who has contributed! I think we've made it a really cool edition, full of interesting stuff that's fun and really worth reading. Thanks for ideas and thoughts and for your contributions! I am so, so excited for where we are going to be going this year, the board is sparking, the community is getting into action, Emmaus and Africa South are involved and interested.... Things are happening chaps! Its an incredible time to be serving the Lord in this ministry! Hope you catch the enthusiasm that is floating around... it's a goooood feeling! As Brad says "we all need a Chrysalis "Fix"!"

Love you all, stay inspired and lets break the addiction of negative thinking ! 'Till next time! Kirst oxox