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An Advent Message—David Moodley



“...for we have seen His star in the East and are come to worship Him.”

Matthew 2:2

As with all the events surrounding the birth of Christ, the story of the Magi also intrigues. There is a sense of adventure throughout the whole event. The appearance of a star in the heavens, the journey to a distant land, the presentation of gifts to a child born to be king...

Yet the story goes deeper than just the words we read...

The story of the Magi is one of a pilgrimage of faith.

It began when they came upon writings, preceding their time, of a particular sign; a star in the heavens signifying the birth /advent of a special person. This knowledge was the beginning of their journey of faith.

They studied the writings, looked out for the sign and waited in expectation...

When the star made its appearance, they recognised it for what it was...a call to a new place.

They journey from a land familiar to a land unknown. Pilgrimages are always from places known to places unknown. It is in the unknown, in that strange place, that God is encountered.

Should not the 'king' have been found in the palace of Herod? Alas it was not to be so. Herod himself



and the established religion of the time plotted to rid the world of this birth. This Child would disrupt their comfortable life-styles and their comfortable religion. Does Christ mould us into His Image or do we mould Christ into our image?

Disappointed and disillusioned they exit the palace. Where to now?

“...and lo the star, which they saw in the East, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.” Matthew 2:9/10

‘Oh Holy Spirit, be my guide; go before me on this journey; bring me to the Christ.’

“And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.” Matthew 2:11

O Heavenly Father, in this the season of the Advent, may Your Holy Spirit go before me on my pilgrimage of faith. Take me from the land in which I might have become too comfortable and lead me to an unknown land wherein I shall encounter You in a new way. Lead me away from the places where Christ is not, especially those 'places' within me. When I become disappointed and disillusioned may the Light of Your Spirit shine with greater magnificence so



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In 2014 there were:

- 33 Emmaus Walks
- 17 Chrysalis Flights
- 1 Alarga Stroll
- 1357 Lives changed
- 58 Pilgrims from uninvolved churches
- More than 100 Board Exams written.

YAY FOR EMSA!!!!!!

Look at the Candy cane.

What do you see?

Stripes that are red

Like the blood shed for me

White is for my Saviour

Who's sinless and pure

J is for Jesus

My Lord that's for sure

Turn it around

and a staff you will see

Jesus my Shepherd

Was born there for me.

Patriarch's Ponderings—Greg Conolly



Good day all you wonderful children of God

I'm sitting wondering what message I could possibly

give you and my mind just starts running like a packet of liquorice all sorts. We've entered the season where we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, what does this really mean to each and every one of us. Let us take time to review our walk with Christ. A friend sent me a message saying let us be a blessing to

others just as Christ has blessed us. Let us take time to enjoy all the wonderful blessings such as the food we receive daily, the roof we have over our heads, the warm beds we have to sleep in, the wonderful gift of just waking up in the morning, our children, our parents, our grandparents, our wives, our partners, the jobs we have, our health and so much more that there won't be enough space in this newsletter.

I pray that each and every one of you reading this and those that are unable to read it for whatever reason will have a truly blessed and most amazing CHRISTMAS, that you will all be blessed in abundance with tons of joy and happiness as you celebrate this time of the year with family and friends. I pray for healing and comfort for those who might find them-

selves alone over this time, May God hold you in His wonderful loving arms.

Lord, bless us with travelling mercies as we take to the roads over this festive season.

Let us find rest and truly be filled with inspiration for the year that lies ahead in this ministry. Let us keep each other in earnest prayer.

Let me thank you all for your involvement and commitment to Chrysalis. May that fire in you burn bright at all times.

Until we see each other again, may God Bless you and keep you, may He make His face to shine upon you now and forever Amen.

Happy holidays everybody.



EMSA's AGM—Di Kyle

Can you believe that this is the final newsletter for 2014? This year has simply flown. It has been an excellent year for KZN Drak Chrysalis. We had a wonderful training weekend at Dawnview, followed by a set of super flights held at The Wykeham Collegiate. We have had a few gatherings where we have simply got together as butterflies and giggled and

laughed and caught up with new and old friends, shared a meal at the Lord's table, had praise and worship and generally grown together. In November, Greg (our Clid), Colleen (our Board Trainer) and I (Board Certified Facilitator) were privileged enough to attend the Emmaus Ministries South Africa (EMSA) Annual General Meeting held at Rabbuni in the Sonvalley Community at

Klerksdorp. I use the word "privileged" purposely because it was a real privilege and a blessing. We had the most constructive few days where I was once again humbled and inspired by people I met. Sadly, all good things have to come to an end and after a final service held in the beautiful gardens of Rabbuni early on Sunday morning we left to come home. Something that really stands out in my mind was the feeling that God was so present throughout the proceedings. The host community was so hospitable, so kind and nothing was too much trouble no matter what time of day or night it was. We were inundated with agape gifts - even the people who stayed in B & B's found agape gifts on their



beds!! The meals were delicious and all my good intentions to come back weighing as much as I had when I arrived flew out the window with our first dinner. We all came away knowing that we were part of a really big ministry - all trying our level best to be true to the model and really fired up to grow it. We were told about two new ministries under the Emmaus Ministries umbrella that are being introduced into South Africa in the next little while. One will be for people between the ages of 25 and 35 years called The Journey and the other is called Face to Face and will be mainly for elderly folk in, for example, retirement homes - it will be held over a few weekends. There was huge emphasis placed on the fact that we must not lose sight of the reason for the ministry and that is to empower people to go back into their home church and be active there. Chrysalis is not a church. We are simply a ministry to help build leaders in order that they strengthen their own churches. Clergy must be encouraged to not see us as a support service, not a threat to the church. The onus is on us to show the clergy what a special ministry Chrysalis is in order for them to encourage their youth to attend the flights. With love and God bless.



Howsit all. Well it is that time of the year once again - we all get excited and can't wait for holiday time and resting time. But the biggest excitement about the time of December is of course Christmas and New Years Day.

To us Christians the day of Christmas is very special and exciting; it's the celebration of our life in Jesus Christ and his birth. May you all be blessed and receive Jesus this festive season. May you and all your families have an epic new year celebration and an amazing Christmas day. See you all in 2015. — Chris

AGM and Gathering



The AGM and gathering at Scottburgh went off

splendidly. We had such fun. Admittedly a bit of a disappointing turnout but given the fact that it was held during exams I suppose that does kinda explain it... and, as usual, those of us who did go had a fantastic time. First off a huge thanks to the Du Plooy's for putting up with our mottly crew invading your patch of turf. Andre and Annemarie kindly put us all up in the manse.

First things first though, we had a good AGM with some interesting things discussed and agreed on. Sad to say good bye to the



board members who left this year - Craig, Mark and Chris,. Thanks to them for all

they have contributed during their term and we are grateful to know that while you have left the board you are still very much involved in the ministry. And then a very warm welcome to June, Sonja and Gerhardus who have joined us. Really look forward to working with you.

After the AGM we enjoyed a bring and share lunch and some great fellowship during which we could catch up with everyone - it was most enjoyable. Uncle Mike was champing at the bit to head to the beach, though, so soon enough we were decked out in all our glory and 11 of us piled into the Cherry's chariot and headed off down to the beach with Stefan Du Plooy as our dubious guide. Fortunately, between us we figured that the beach would most likely be down the hill, so we headed down in an easterly direction and sure enough soon pulled up at main beach. Here we created quite a spectacle all piling out of the car and heading cheerfully off to the beach. The swimming area was restricted to a strip of about twenty metres and there were quite a bunch of folk, but we all charged in and managed to have a good swim. After checking out the tidal pool and discovering that the big slide was shut down due to Eskom load shedding

we decided to search Scottburgh for an ice cream...needless to say that when Eskom is load shedding there is not a single soft serve to be had in the entire Scottburgh region!

Much disappointed we resorted to buying supper instead and then heading back to the Manse where there was cool drinks, chips, watermelon and rugby... along with a braai to be started.

This we enjoyed immensely with more food than we could manage to scoff and enough leftovers for breakfast and lunch the next day... delicious mealie bread and salads and braaivleis and then an amazing malva pudding just in case we weren't already so full we could hardly move!

This was all noshed under the stars, and later, drizzle, to the accompaniment of deep and serious discussions about not much... Basically the very recipe for a good time had by all.

When enough time had elapsed to be able to breathe comfortably again some of the more noble among us wandered through to wash the dishes. Our dear CLD came through to give us some words of encouragement which were less than appreciated and a dish-towel fight ensued... fortunately we stopped short of blood but there were a few zingers and stingers...

Dishes washed we retired for more chat and rugby, followed by unex-



pected, comfy beds after the sun and fresh air. An early rise for coffee on the lawn accompanied by more chatting until at 9 am when we all headed over the fence to the church to enjoy a great message about "hearing" by Ian McGuigan - Andre was unfortunately preaching in Pennington that day. Ian gave us lots to think about, though, as did the vibrant atmosphere and life in the church. Considering they're mostly retirees

we, as a youth ministry, could learn a lot from them. It was lovely to see.

Afterwards we toddled back to the Manse and fitted in a deli-

cious breakfast before sadly saying goodbye and wending our various ways home. All in all it was a great deal of fun and more proof that these little area gatherings are a great success and really worth while. So here-



Well, it just remains to wish everyone the happiest Christmas from the Chrysalis board and myself. Hope you have an amazing festive season and above all, remember what its all about and let that add an extra special depth and wonder to this most fantastic season.

The next page is our Chrysalis Wish List. At the AGM we decided we need to start building up our own Chrysalis supplies and this list is what we need. If you feel like giving the Ministry a Christmas present, or a donation towards it, the details and the list are both on the website. Anything would be appreciated and put to a very, very good cause.

Really looking forward to going into 2015 and the 17th year of Chrysalis in KZN- Drak. Lots of Love and God bless you abundantly. Kirst OXOX

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"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

Dear reader and all members of the Chrysalis community

We as a board have decided to start collecting supplies for our flights. Below is a wish list that will enable us to achieve this goal and humbly request any donation on the said list. You are welcome to contact Greg on 082 924 7788 or Darren on 083 661 7033 if you have anything to donate.

1. Metal 6m Container for storage purposes. (Most important)
2. 10 x Plastic Big Jim containers.
3. Ice cream tubs.
4. 2 x large wooden crosses for the Chapels.
5. Clipboards.
6. Plastic rubbish bins for Chapel (Big and small)
7. Tissue bags for chapel
8. Table clothes and Purple cloth for crosses.
9. Letter bag with 72 compartments.
10. 50 x Plastic sweet bowls / sugar bowls.
11. Plastic vases.
12. Water jugs.
13. Banners (Phone for explanation please) and banner poles and hooks.
14. Candles.
15. Hessian.
16. 14 x Stationery tubs for tables.
17. Baskets for offerings.
18. Communion elements (plates and challis) 2 x sets.
19. Flip charts, A4 paper, pencil crayons, wax crayons, scissors, rulers etc
20. Bibles.
21. Water containers 20lt or bigger.
22. Matches or braai lighters.
23. 6 x hammers and nails.
24. 6 x kneeling cushions.
25. Jug and bowl set for washing of ashes.
26. Letter boxes for caterpillars and team.
27. Clown gear.
28. 2 x wooden crosses for hammering nails into.
29. 2 x crosses for candles.
30. 2 x Lanyard crosses.



We pray that you will find it your heart to consider any of the above items and please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your continued support and may God Bless you abundantly and keep you in your walk with him. FLY WITH CHRIST