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Seeing that I'm now –Ahem– a member of the Chrysalis Board, at the gentle persuasion of our dear community lay director I finally undertook to read the Chrysalis Handbook, a whopping great yellow bomber of 190 A4 pages! So far I am on page 21, and it has proved to be a most interesting read. The insight and depth that is behind each and every little detail of the flights is quite staggering and you can easily see why it is quite so structured, but also why it works so well.

Interestingly enough it had a little section on Newsletters too, which I probably should have read 9 issues ago, but better late than never I right?!

It mentioned that we should include a brief overview of the goal of Chrysalis, which at first seemed pointless, most of you know what its all about after all. But then I read what the manual had to say and decided that maybe it would be a good idea. It's a remarkable document. The more we learn about this amazing ministry of ours the better we will understand and the more powerfully it can move us.

Chrysalis is an extremely good cause to be sold out for, after all it's Christ's cause. One thing we (I) have to remember is that it is not everything though. It is only one way to further our walk with Christ, but quite frankly it really is an incredible experience and I think we'd all agree that we're not the same since. It is such a powerful and tangible experience of God's love and it deeply touches some of the most tender spots in society. More than anything, just having the opportunity to love and be loved without fear or judgment makes is unique and special.

To take a step back into the New Testament and experience a community similar to what the first church must have been like is a true blessing.

There are a few changes we are going to make to EGL this year.

We want it to be more interesting and informative rather than just a bunch of little stories, so we'll be adding various random bits and pieces that will hopefully be helpful or of interest. We also thought to maybe add a questions sections. You can send any questions and we'll get the minister or adults on the board to answer them and then post them up anonymously on here.

Bottom line is we are young folk trying to live right and often there are questions that come up that we'd rather not ask, but we need an answer to. This would be a perfect opportunity to do it confidentially. And we can all accept that the one thing our board has a lot of is "life experience".

So ja, those are the plans. Any suggestions? Please be sure to send them through and we'll be only too happy to consider and implement them.

God can't show you the big picture because you'd ruin it.



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QUESTIONS:

With this new approach I thought it might be quite interesting if we looked into something interesting each edition. The problem, though, is that what is interesting to me might not be to you. So please send me topics of interest so that I can research, get information and opinions about and write up my findings on here. The only way to get an answer is by asking.

Flights 37 & 38- we have lift off!

The good news is that plans are very much underway for flights 36 & 37. Teams have been selected and both lay directors are keen and excited. The boys will be lead by Greg Conolly from Dundee. He's been involved for the last three years or so with Chrysalis, serving on the flights and is now also a board member. He has got an

amazing group of men to support and shape into an incredible team for flight 36.

Flight 37 is in the capable hands of none other than our last Community Lay Director, Di Kyle. She's one of the veterans who's been around for a while and has a heart fully committed to Chrysalis. She has also been blessed with a phenomenal group of girls as

team and it is truly exciting to see what these two teams will achieve for God's glory in the next few months.

The most encouraging thing is that the teams were formed from either application forms or phonecalls to likely people who agreed unreservedly. So the level of enthusiasm and commitment to these flights will be amazing. No one has been begged or bribed into it and that is just a sign of how God is moving in the hearts of the community—it is so very encouraging.

On an international scale it is really encouraging to know that South Africa really holds her head high when it comes to Christianity. Not only have we produced some outstanding theologians and public figures (Andrew Murray and Desmond Tutu for example), a few well known Christian names have moved to South Africa, and many, many famous believers have been truly inspired and touched by visiting our shores. Nick Vujicic in his first book *Life without Limits* lists a trip here as one of the turning points in his life of ministry. Louis Giglio mentions us in his DVDs, Philip Yancey speaks of Africa, even South Africa frequently.

SA on the Global Scale

The thing is we have so much to offer, not only because of all the suffering that can be alleviated and all the pain and misery that's been before, but also because of all the hope that there is. For every potential disaster there is just as much potential for grace to step in and touch lives. What an incredible concept; and what an opportunity it offers.

We also have some pretty amazing initiatives that we came up with. One of them being the LIV Village that I wrote about in the last edition. Another one few folk know about is a thing called Intentional Living

which is an amazing initiative that is based in PTA at the moment and by the sound of it is an effort by young people to live as close to the first church model as possible. It is also reaching out into the poor parts of town and helping there.

Its so important to keep an ear open for these encouraging things that are happen around about us. Its so uplifting to hear the odd bit of good, positive news and there is so much out there. If you come across any cool initiatives please share them with me so I can put them in the next edition so we can all benefit from the good news. .

Next time you have a spare moment google "Everything" by Lifehouse and watch the video clip, its really moving. Also "the Last Lecture" by Randy Pausch, or even better read his book by the same title. They both just put things into perspective. And that's always a good thing.

Forgiveness is what sets us free from the past.

12 Steps to

pain has been specifically addressed. Sins of

It's setting a captive free and realizing that captive was yourself. You don't forgive others for their sake; you do it for your sake. They may never even be aware of your choice to let them off the hook, but it could change your life. *Forgiveness is the fragrance that is left on the heel that crushed the violet.*

Step 1. Ask the Lord to reveal to you who you need to forgive. Make a list on a piece of paper of those names.

Step 2. Acknowledge the hurt and the hate. This is between you and God, he knows your heart, so be honest. List specifically what you are forgiving who for.

Step 3. Understand the Cross. The cross of Christ makes forgiveness legally and morally right. The heart cries, "this isn't fair! Where's the justice?" It is in the Cross.

Step 4. Decide you will bear the burden of each person's sin. This means you will not retaliate in the future by using the information about their sin against them. All true forgiveness is substitutionary, as was Christ's forgiveness of us.

Step 5. Decide to forgive. Forgiveness is a crisis of the will, a conscious choice to let the other person off the hook and to free yourself from the past.

Step 6. Take your list to God and pray the following: "I forgive (name) for (list all the offenses and how they made you feel)". Stay with each person until every remembered

commission as well as omission. Don't bypass your responsibility and choice to forgive!

Step 7. Destroy the list. You are free now. Do not tell the offenders what you've done. Your need to forgive others is between you and God only.

Step 8. don't expect that your decision to forgive will result in major changes in the other person.

Step 9. Try to understand the people you have forgiven, but don't rationalize their behavior, that would lead to incomplete forgiveness.

Step 10. Expect positive results of forgiveness in you. In time you will be able to think of the people without triggering primary emotions; it doesn't mean you will like them - it means you are free from them.

Step 11. Thank God for the lessons you have learned and maturity you have gained as a result of the offenses and your decision to forgive the offenders.

Step 12. Be sure to accept your part of the blame for the offenses you suffered. Confess your failure to God and to others, and realize that if someone has something against you, you must go to that person and be reconciled.

Taken from Neil T. Anderson's *Victory Over the Darkness*

BOOKS WORTH READING

The Christian Atheist—Craig Groeschel
Unstoppable—Nick Vujicic
Who is this Man—John Ortberg
Victory over the Darkness—Neil Anderson

Take this life and let it shine.

God is so great that He does not need to be our only joy. There is an earthly joy, a joy of the outer as well and the inner self, the joy of dancing as well as kneeling, the joy of playing as well as praying.
 - Lewis Smedes

Aging

My dog has grown old; and I can't tell you the lessons God is teaching me through it. She has been my constant companion for more than half my life and now I am having to face the reality that she won't be there for the rest of it. A more faithful friend I could not find, and now it's my turn to be true to her when she needs it most.

Just recently she has gone completely deaf and I can't believe how it has changed her. She has always been the bravest little beast, now though, she simply has no early warning system so things catch her totally by surprise and scare her witless. Even a caring hand that would pat her can startle her completely. I also used to talk to her a lot, just generally chatting, and I know she didn't understand the words, but she understood the tone and the communication affirmed her. Now she has to look at me to see if my mouth is moving and that

breaks my heart. Having always been highly strung and now not being able to hear or see very well, she is totally thrown by crowds or when her routine is changed. I noticed on New Year's Day, when we had lots of folk around and much excitement, how much she was rattled by it all. She would stand in the middle of the kitchen with her old, blue eyes desperately casting around for me, a still point in her turning world. At first she annoyed me following so close at my heels and wanting to be with me always, but then I realized why and it made me feel so very bad. So I took a step out of the action and lifted her up onto my lap and just gently spent a few minutes with her, and then she was fine again. She just needed to know that everything was still ok. And that I still loved her. It was fundamentally humbling that that was all she needed. And the thing that amazed me most was how fulfilling it was for me. To be able to give such peace to a dear old friend who deserves so much more— what an amazing feeling. It all affected me quite deeply and I've since spent quite a bit of time and thought on the matter and I now see that it applies broadly, not just to my temperamental little old four-legged friend.

You see, in this fast paced society we're in nowadays, there is no mercy for the elderly or the slower folk. No one is cut any slack and if you can't keep up you get left behind. So the challenge is this, how hard would it be to take a step out of the action every now and then and place a gentle hand on an elderly shoulder and devote ten minutes to finding out exactly how they are. If a parent is thrown by some piece of technology, take a deep breath, ditch your attitude and take the time to explain it properly, chances are they're not trying to be doff. Challenge yourself to be the bigger person and take the time to "touch, pause and engage". And the thing that will amaze you is how much you will benefit from your act of kindness.



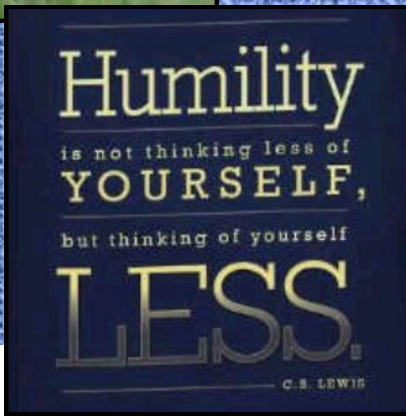
Maybe I'm just a bit slow but a friend helped me to a revolutionary new take on an old well known parable the other day. Where Jesus speaks of taxes in the scriptures, (Mark 12:13-17)

So the Pharisees and Herodians were trying to trick Jesus and sent some fast talkers to discuss a controversial topic with Him, taxes! First of all they flattered Him a bit and then got down to the nitty-gritty "Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we pay or shouldn't we?" then it says "but Jesus knew their hypocrisy. "Why are you trying to trap me?" He asked. "Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." They brought the coin, and he asked them, "Who's portrait is this? And who's inscription?" "Caesar's" they replied. Then Jesus said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." (and my favourite part) And they were amazed at Him."

Ok, so an old well known bit of Scripture, dealing with taxes pretty conclusively, but what I've just been helped to see is that there is a much deeper meaning. And I too am amazed! Give unto Caesar what is Caesar's and UNTO GOD WHAT IS GOD'S! We are created in God's image, we bear His portrait and His inscription. We belong to Him. And we must give unto God what is His—our all! Amazing hey!



Thanks Chris =)



Patriarch's Ponderings—Craig Wells

Hi all, this year has started at 200km/h and we are well on our way in the team formation process, and the excitement is already starting to build in most of us.

It is truly humbling for me to serve alongside a board that is so committed and passionate about our truly amazing ministry.

Chrysalis is a truly amazing ministry, and the only way to keep it like that is to conform to the model, this ensures a continuation of the ministry from one country to the next and year on year, so it is my intention,

with the help of my board to adhere 100% to the model as laid down in the manual.

The success of a Chrysalis flight, I believe, is directly proportional to the attitude of servanthood of the team, which allows the Holy Spirit to work through them on the weekend, so all of us, Team and community should start to prepare our hearts for the upcoming flights, with spiritual discipline and transforming Grace. Fly with Christ.

CHRYSALIS BOARD 2013



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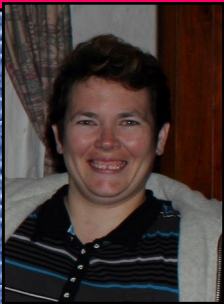
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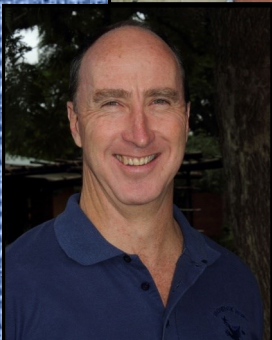


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Because the Chrysalis Board is responsible for all the decisions and details around Chrysalis we thought it would be nice if the community got an idea of who we are and what we do. So you see we're all flesh and blood folk who are just getting together once a month to try and forward our ministry and do what we can where we can for the cause. The only requirement for being a board member is to have done an Emmaus walk (senior version of Chrysalis) or a Chrysalis Flight, to have a burning passion for the ministry and to commit to coming to the meetings.

There is no advantage to being on the board, not cost reduction and no special treatment. Just a chance to be more involved and blessed by it. And its also a blessing to fellowship with fellow believers sold out for the same cause.

Anyway, over the next few months I'll introduce you personally to the board by asking them to tell you a bit about themselves.



CRAIG WELLS

For those of you who don't know me, I'm married to the best women in the world, Lara. We have been married for about 18 years and have 3 wonderful children , Jonathan, Nicholas and Jessica. We live on a smallholding in Manderston, just on the Durban side of Pietermaritzburg.

Years ago I attended a walk to Emmaus, and it was a life changing experience.

The effect on my life was so remarkable that I could no longer be a closet Christian and had to get out of the boat and walk.

I served on an Emmaus walk and then got involved in chrysalis, which is a truly amazing ministry. It is such a privilege to witness the change that God brings about in these young people's lives, and then their passion and energy for Christ is an inspiration to all of us.

TRACY ROWLAND

What a wonderful privilege it is for me to share in the Chrysalis Ministry. One of my deepest desires is for young people to enter into and have a closer relationship with our Lord Jesus. I pray that God will be able to use me for His glory and guide me in His ways. As a wife and mom to two precious girls, Emma age 14 and Stephanie age 11, I am kept very busy ! Roly and I completed our Emmaus walks in 2011 and are ever grateful to our sponsor Dave who obeyed God and sent us on this amazing journey. One of the ways I like to relax is spending time with my family in the game park photographing animals—this does not mean I am the next Getaway Competition winner - its just a hobby ! Every time I go camping it pours with rain, it certainly is not one of my passions. I do love the outdoors though ! Too often as Christians we become stuck in a rut, we forget Faith is a doing word, we need to step out in Faith for Jesus. I look forward to this Chrysalis Journey and all that it holds. May each one of you be saturated in God's Love now and forever. Much love, your sister in Christ Tracy Rowland

Thanks guys for your contributions.

MARK STEAD

Greetings to you all in Jesus Christ, my name is Mark Stead and I am a newie on the KZN Chrysalis Board. I live in Howick with my beloved wife Ingrid of 25 years and we have 3 great adult boys. My Emmaus walk in 1994 !! was life changing. I realized anew Gods personal love for me and plans / calling for my life. Ingrid was involved in quite a few walks after that, but my work made it difficult for me. Out of the blue (ie in Gods timing), I got involved in Chrysalis in 2011, and really loved the incredible ministry for young people. In 2012 I was amazed at the work it took to recruit for the flight and believe a lot of churches / youth pastors are not aware of the gem of discipleship available to them, hence my involvement on the board to do Marketing to all denominations in KZN. I am humbled by the beauty of diverse people committed to the Chrysalis ministry, and am so aware of the power of prayer to a faithful God that is the foundation of Emmaus.

DI KYLE

I am a housewife and mother of three two-legged kids, hundreds of four-legged and no-legged and finned and winged kids and I love my life. I have been extremely blessed and have lived at Kosi Bay with Scotty, my husband, for the past 32 years. I love the bush and its inhabitants and have been fortunate enough to have lived in game reserves all my married life. Family and friends are hugely important to me and there is nothing nicer than showing friends around our bit of paradise. I do lots of handwork and crafty things and love reading. My involvement with Chrysalis started 7 years ago and has become a very important part of my life. Being the lay director of the girl's flight # 37 is such a humbling honour and privilege. We have an awesome team and with lots of prayer the caterpillars and team will be blessed enormously. Already I am hugely excited and we have six months to go!!

GREG CONOLLY

My name is Greg Conolly, I stay in Dundee, Northern KZN. I have been married to Rhona for 16 years. I have two wonderful children, Phillip, aged 23 and Nicole, aged 22 years. I am a grandfather to a beautiful granddaughter Kayla-Skye. She is aged 3 and she calls me Grandpa Egg. I gave my life to Christ in 2009 and have been following Him ever since. Not always easy but very challenging. God is good in every situation. I am a General Manager in a security company in Dundee.

This year, 2013, I will be the Lay Director for the boys flight #36. What an awesome privilege to serve the youth and God.

I have been involved with Emmaus and Chrysalis for the past 3 and half years. I am actively involved in my Church where I serve as a Circuit Steward. I have been and am still involved with the youth, song group, prayer warriors and bible studies.

REG ALEXANDER

I stay in Pinetown with my wonderful and beautiful family, wife Charmaine, and daughters Kayleigh and Candace. We all love and serve the Lord (A family that prays together, is a family that stays together). I am a Blue Bull supporter (living proof that we all have our faults and God's grace is found everywhere). I enjoy working with God's people and being part of the Great Co-mission (spreading the Gospel of Jesus to all the world). :D

Money

Non-profit organizations like Chrysalis

seem to be synonymous with asking for money. But the bottom line is that money sadly is a necessary factor in everything. Christian organizations are no exception. It's also become apparent that simply asking is not working - but just in case it's still worth a try! Please consider donating, you know what a good cause Chrysalis is and even if you don't, just trust me. I would not have spent the last week and a half working on this newsletter if I did not believe the ministry changes lives. And if it's your own money you are loathe to part with then get a rich friend or relative to throw in a few bucks. Everything makes a difference, no matter how small or big. But we're not begging - God does have it in hand and He will provide the necessary money.

Tithing and giving to the church is a bit of a hot topic these days. You seldom get excited when you see the message is about tithing at church and the guilt trip when you pass beggars is not fun, but I think there is a reason for that. A considerable number of Jesus' words in the New Testament are dedicated to money matters and how we should treat those less fortunate than ourselves. One of the most tender bits in the Bible is when Jesus and His disciples are in the temple and they watch that dear old widow dropping her mite into the box. The word picture is lovely. If you can imagine Him watching and quietly indicating for His men to do the same. Unaware that the Son of God was watching, she went forward, maybe hesitated for a moment, then dropped the tiny coin in. She knew it was tiny, yet it was all she had. She desperately needed it, but she loved the Lord more. If that doesn't move you then I'm wasting my time here! God stresses how we are blessed by giving. There are a lot of scriptures that back it up.

The Old Testament mentions 10% and to a lot of us that sounds like a lot. But when you actually think about it and look into it it gets worse!! The implications is that it should be AT VERY LEAST 10%! In fact the New Testament recommends everything! Oops! Consider though, it doesn't have to be just money, it can also be time. But ask yourself, will I give 6 minutes of every hour to God? Sound easy? Give it a try! It could be anything you do, your first fruits, your best works. Whatever they may be, just freely give 10% of them to God and see how that works out for you. The thing is we think we're saving it for ourselves when we don't give to God, but we are shooting ourselves in the foot big time. He PROMISES us that He will bless us abundantly for generosity!



May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart. May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace. May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection and starvation, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy. And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done. May God bless you with the weirdest blessing possible, His divine burden.

Or consider it this way, if you have a garden, if there wasn't rain... you'd have to pay someone to water the garden right? Give that money to God. If you didn't have a wash-line to dry your clothes on—you'd have to pay extra for electricity to run a dryer... same principle applies. Most of us ask the Lord to protect us our loved ones every day, just imagine you had to pay body guards!! Ok, maybe it's getting a bit silly, but think about it! God does so much for us. We NEED to give back, not for His sake, the bottom line is God the one Guy who doesn't need money! He has given us these instructions purely for our own sake!

And it doesn't matter if you give it to Chrysalis, or the church or the beggar on the street, so long as you give it with a *generous* heart, you will be blessed for it. Obviously it'd be nice if some of it came to Chrysalis though! But do yourself a favour and take some time to think about it all, it's a big subject in the Bible for a good reason. And as a Christian you need to actually think about it and form your own opinion about it and work out your own beliefs on the matter. There are lots of books and teachings on the subject and if all else fails just google it and you'll get a heap of info. But if God thought it that important I think we need to figure out our own thoughts on the matter to. Prepare to be blessed!

Decide

I am your Lord and God. Would you hear what I have to say?

Or will I once again just get a brief prayer thrown at me as you're on your way

You ask that I will bless you - well that's already done

You beg that I forgive you - why do you think I sent My Son?

You say "God protect my family" - don't I do that every day?

And you say "Lord don't leave me" - child I'll never go away

Can't you see how much I love you? Is everything just not enough?

I have given you all you need, yet you long for still more stuff

You cry out that you're busy, you wish there was less to do

You just don't seem to see this is not the life I planned for you

I have so many blessings for you, yet you dodge them at every turn

I gave you the ability - how come you just will not learn?

I hear what you tell your friends, how I feel so out of reach

And it just breaks My heart cause I've done all I can to step into the breach

You do not have the time for me, you make that very clear

Every spare moment is spent on the futile things you hold so dear

It's ironic how on your phone you whine how far away I seem

Put it away and talk to me, I'm closer than you could ever dream

I died just to be with you, and yet you doubt I care

Get real child, how can you even dare?

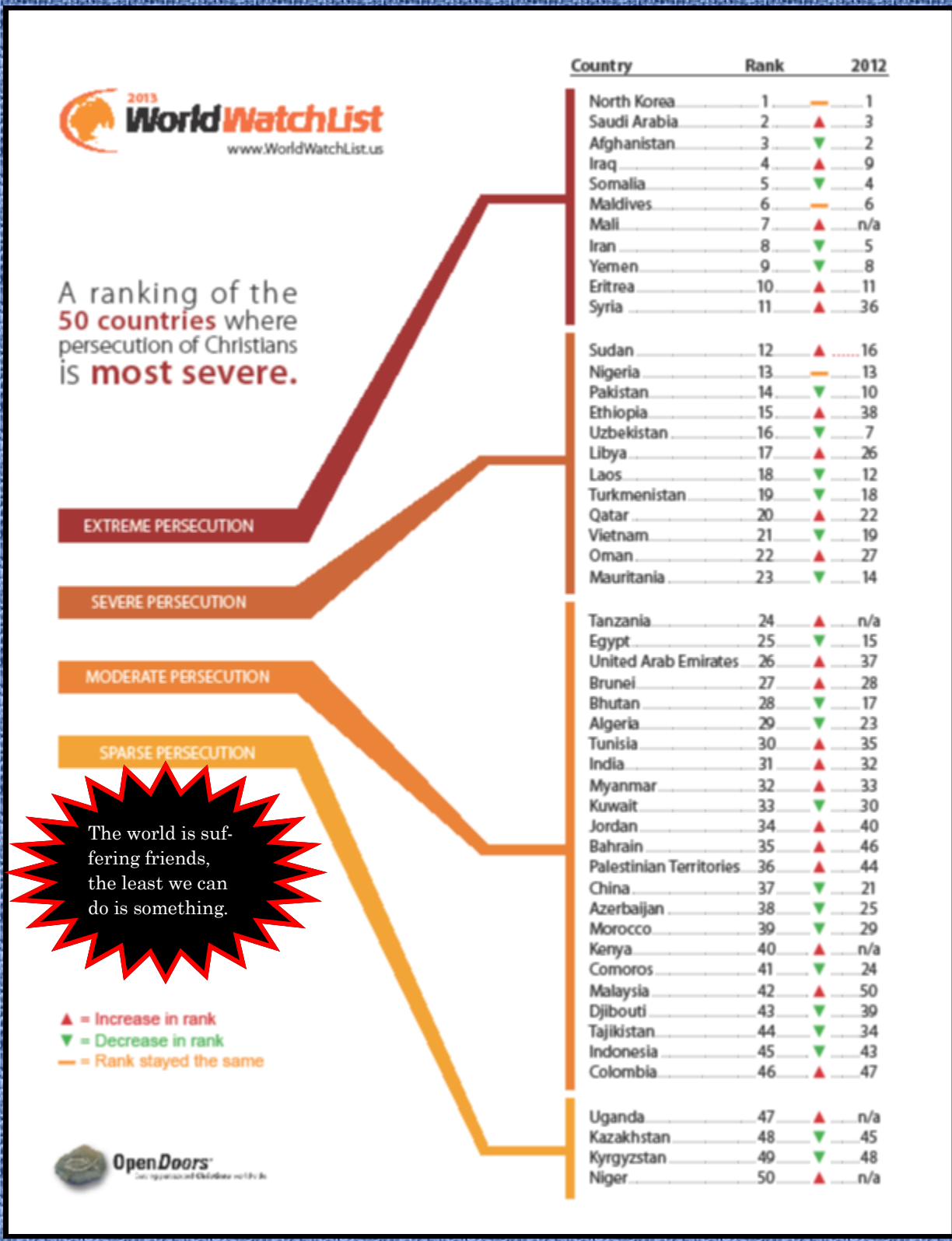
If you let Me I would bless you with dreams so deep and vast and wide

But it's a choice, my little one, only you can decide.

around with seeming success. And wow, it puts a whole lot in perspective. There are various ways to support them, money being the most obvious one, but they ask more for prayers than for donations which is so refreshing. A line that really touched me is that apparently the Christians who they speak to who are actually being persecuted, don't ask to be taken out of their situations or to be

helped, they just ask that brothers and sisters pray for them! Guys! If that isn't a challenge then I don't know what is! So, I've popped the world watch list below to give us an idea about who and where is in trouble and needs our prayers most. Other options available on the website are a newsletter and a weekly prayer alert mailing option which I think and hope I signed myself up for. I challenge you to do the same. Friends, the very least we can do is pray, and incredibly that is also the most important thing we can do. There are various other options to assist and support as well, including writing letters to our brothers in Christ. It's such an amazing initiative and it really is doing what Jesus would do. So lets pray!

We all hear and read about persecuted churches and oppressed Christians around the world but personally it never seems to hit home. After hearing a bit about it all recently it began to prey on my mind so I decided to do some research into the whole thing and found an amazing site called Open Doors USA by googling "persecuted churches". It is an extremely user friendly site that even I managed to navigate



PRAYER IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LETTING THINGS HAPPEN AND MAKING THEM HAPPEN.

Dundee Gathering



On the 16th of February we had our first, of what we hope will be many, mini-gatherings in Dundee. To say it was a blast seems a horrible understatement. I genuinely don't remember when last I laughed so hard. We started at lunchtime on Saturday with burgers around the pool at the Cherry's farm just outside town. There was also a dear old donkey by the name of Max who regretted coming to say hi when myself, Glenn and Chris all hitched a ride much to our own and everyone except Max's amusement. I certainly hope Jesus' choice of steed was more friendly though, as dear old Max just wanted to eat us and then decided to brush the boys off on the fence!



Then it was time to grab the tubes and hit the Buffalo river. We all piled into the bakkies and headed off. The river was high and fast flowing and we were off to a dashing start, until our respected board member Dr. Mark Stead decided it was going way too smoothly and started tipping tubes! Hee hee! Well, it just went downhill from there. After shooting the rapids and bobbing and being dunked down a good few kilometres of beautiful river, banked alternately



by high sandstone cliffs and huge weeping willows hanging enchantingly over the river, we got to the pick up area where there was an awful ambush laid by another of our upstanding board members, Mr Mike Cherry. The banks of this particular piece of river was thick with the most delightfully squishy mud imaginable and before any youths even got on the scene the senior members of the community were having a full out mud-fight. All hell broke loose, however, when the A-team bobbed into range!! Three hours of mud hurling later, we all staggered out, broken, bruised and filthy, but MAN was it fun. The



seniors put up a valiant fight and I am pleased to report they were glorious in defeat. We then went for another quick bob down the river before returning soaked and truly grubby to the farm for some much needed coffee and cake. Followed by an amazing braai, snooker, cards, and of course the traditional fire and marshmallows late into the night. Amazingly, the adults stayed up skinning until about 1am and by 2.30 we had finally all crawled into sleeping bags under the stars. Sleeping was a bit risky as we discovered the next morning when we woke up to a minty-fresh discovery that "someone" had found a tube of toothpaste and had had fun! Needless to say revenge was quick and brutal and not



very accurate seeing as dear old Uncle Greg got um, caught in the cross fire and it turns out the culprit was Sarah instead of Chris anyway - oops! The good news was we all had toothpaste for the next few days. Sadly, though, I think all hope of decorum at future get-togethers is long gone. From here on out its going to get fun!



Next morning we had a small, profound message and prayer and then a very tasty breakfast—just in case the feasting of the night before and the midnight snack weren't enough—and then hit the river for one last trip down. It was such a peaceful and beautiful send off and after a final cup of coffee we all headed off to our various homes again. What a fantastic weekend though. Seriously. And there weren't even that many of us, but just the spirit of fun and fellowship was so genuine. These smaller gatherings seem to be the way to go and I assure you they really are worth attending. We have such a great core of

folk now that fun is just a given and the more the merrier. So for your own sakes make the effort to attend. The next date and venue has already been decided so look out for the advert soon. We've decided to take the board and the Gatherings on tour so we will be travelling around KZN trying to bring it as close to you as possible. But what an awesome venue Dundee turned out to be. THANKS DUNDEE! Will definitely be planning another one there with the subcommittee as soon as possible!

Thanks Shells and Di for the pics!



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Thanks Josh

PRAYER—LET IT UNITE US

The prayer that Jesus prays for His disciples in John 17 should be all the evidence we need to see that we cannot do this alone. We need to be accountable to each other and we need to pray for each other. Prayer is our greatest and often our only weapon/tool/option when things go wrong - either for us or for those we care about. We cannot and must not underestimate its power either. Mustard seeds can move mountains by prayer. The backbone of Chrysalis and the reason it succeeds as well as it does is because of the prayer behind it. But why should it stop after those 72 hours? Imagine what could be accomplished if we continued to live a life so covered in prayers and blessings. Imagine if we all prayed for each other, maybe not by name, but as a community. Just imagine what a blessing that would be to us all. And why can't we? In fact why don't we?

With schedules as hectic as they are these days its hard to fit everything into our days. But prayer is a thing we are called to do—unceasingly. And a nice thing about prayer is you can do it at the same time as other things. I like to pray when I run. My body is active, I have music blaring in my ears but it fades into the background, there's the steady rhythm of my footfalls and my heart beating in my ears and I feel close to God. It's a time I can bring my real issues to God. Maybe you

could try the same or maybe find your own special time.

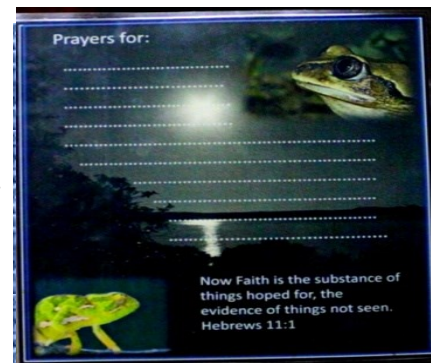
Another thing is how it brings you together. To have a group of people you can trust and depend on to have your back in prayer is wonderful. A few of my friends and I are in a group that prays for each other and it is one of the greatest blessings to me to know I can rely on them to pray for me and mine. It's also a huge blessing to be able to pray for them too. Its heart breaking to hear of all the suffering out there. But at least in prayer we can do something about it. Why not start your own personal prayer group?

Pray the moment you hear about something that grieves you. Don't wait for a quiet or holy moment - cause if you're anything like me you will forget. God is everywhere and always listening. Certainly go back to it later in your deeper time of prayer and pray again, but don't waste any chance to pray for those that need it!

And don't just say flippantly, "Oh, I'll be praying for you." If you say it you have to do it. We can't know how powerful prayer is and to promise something so powerful and then not follow through is unacceptable. I know I forget so I made myself a little prayer chart to list all my

people and concerns on.

We have to be a community united and faithful in prayer. Where Jesus says the world will know us by our love for each other, how better to show that love than to pray for each other.



Its mine - of course it has a frog and a chameleon!

Well Friends, I find myself signing off another edition. I really hope the changes are an improvement. If you have any ideas or thoughts at all please contact me either on Facebook or on my email or cell given above.

I'm super excited about the upcoming flights and am already planning a few sponsorships, as a word of warning, get your caterpillar's forms in soon. They going to fill up fast this year. =) God bless guys and keep praying. We don't know how far our prayers reach, but they reach the throne room of God, and that's enough for me anyway. ~ Kirsty ox

After writing the message about looking for inspiring organizations a friend sent me some info about a really nice sounding initiative in Pretoria. Imagine if something similar was started in our towns. Its info from a brochure of theirs. - Thanks Josh.

Who is PEN

The inner city of Tshwane (Pretoria) is a fast growing and densely populated area. Hundreds of people flock from rural areas and countries north of the South African border to Tshwane, with the dream of setting up a better life than they are used to. Sadly, the reality is that they end up in the inner city, sharing a small one room flat with ten or more people with limited opportunities and often a shortage of food and income. In circumstances like these, family structures fall apart, moral standards drop and crime and gangsterism becomes a way of life. Amidst all the hardship it is very often the women and children who suffer the most. Fathers, time and time again, leave in search of a better life and mothers are left to care for the children on their own, mostly with devastating consequences. Mothers, and/or their children, fall prey to drug lords, prostitution or people with other criminal intent (often victims of abuse themselves). Basic needs, like food and clothing, become luxury items and services such as quality day-care and education for children, only a dream.

It is in these circumstances that PEN works towards bettering lives of people and to offer a vision of what a city could be to its inhabitants if there was a caring and loving community at its center.

PEN focuses on the needs of children and uses this focus as an entry strategy into the marginalized communities in broader Tshwane. We channel focus, firstly, on enhancing quality of life of people and secondly, on providing basic needs such as food, clothing, housing, health services and psycho-social support.

For some unknown reason, we have left the Resurrection out of the Gospel presentation. Consequently we end up with forgiven sinners instead of redeemed saints. —> Neil T. Anderson