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FLIGHTS ARE UPON US!

As flights 36 and 37 sneak closer and closer by the day, the sense of wonder and excitement just grows and grows! We can't help but anticipate the plans God has in place to change young lives over these three days. Days that we have already been praying for and planning for, for months. And then you wonder what the ripple effect of

those changed lives will be and that's where it gets REALLY exciting.

As we get down to preparing the nuts and bolts and logistics of the flights, there are so many small details that are quickly getting taken care of and final arrangements being made. All the training is done (more about that later) and now it's just a matter of getting the final caterpillars all signed up, arriving at Wykeham on Thursday and letting God take over.

He has been so amazingly present in the formation of these teams as both LD's will confirm. Its such a fantastic thought to know that He has shuffled and

changed it all around so that exactly the right people are in exactly the right positions giving the right talks to touch lives in exactly the manner that He has had planned all along.—It really is goose bump stuff.

I had the fun job of helping make all the little caterpillar pins for Friday and I sent a picture of all the dear little fellows to a friend who is on team and I loved his chirp back " We gonna watch all those little Chinas turn into beautiful butterflies". And yes! We are! What an amazingly special thought. What an amazingly special ministry this is that we are a part of. And what an AMAZINGLY SPECIAL GOD WE WORSHIP!



Little Chinas gonna fly!!

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The Weekend

Instead of four separate Saturdays we decided to get together for a busy weekend of team formation in May. The consensus is that it was a resounding success. The team building and spirit of unity that we built up in those three short days at Camp J was really something special. We can now enter the flights as a bonded team of friends as well as brothers and sisters in Christ. Next year we'll rearrange the fun time to fit in with our invaluable Support servants who sadly came and worked and went again, without any real interaction at all. Not all that much sleep was enjoyed and, admittedly, there were mutterings about snoring being an issue in the boys dorm and a very sickly sounding hadeda

putting paid to anyone's sweet dreams way too early for most of our likings. However, aside from gripes and groans about folk finding salt and squidgys in their beds and other childish complaints about toothpaste and shaving cream from certain quarters... it was an extremely profound and meaningful weekend. Some folk even chose to sleep under curtains!!

We had a hectic schedule and worked hard while we worked, but it was laid out in such a way that there was enough free time to have some fun as well—the boys enjoying their own game of volleyball while Team 37 slaved away- followed by a game of rounders in the dark and a great Bible quiz/squidgy throwing competition. The main plan was to see if we read our Bibles, but some unscrupulous so and so's decided a better plan was to see how many squidgys they could strike the opposition teams

with.

The Praise and worship was just wonderful. We enjoyed some really good sessions on all three days - it really was such a blessing.

All in all it was a very special time- the only valid complaint was about a totally out of line and uncalled for swim that was inflicted upon a few innocent members of team, but fortunately they were gracious enough to take it in good spirit (didn't have all that much option come to think about it!!) and simply suffer the ensuing pneumonia in wheezing silence.

As you no doubt gather, a great deal of fun was had by all whilst fitting in all of the serious and constructive training that needed to be done in preparation for the flights. And it was GOOD!

In a book recently I found an account of a missionary in Morocco who's calling was to meet with Muslim locals who wanted to know more about Christianity. It was an extremely risky business as both locals and people in this missionaries position had been recently locked up for doing exactly the same thing. They even had to meet in a public place with a special sign and everything to recognize each other. He went on to describe the situation though. This young man that he was meeting with had heard about Jesus two years before and had been trying to find out more about Him ever since. As it happened this story had a happy ending, they made contact and

A faith that grips

the missionary was able to give the man some literature and put him in contact with another local guy who was a bit further along his own path with God. It was a really nice story with a happy ending which helped, but what struck me profoundly was the fact that this man had been actively searching for two years for information about this Jesus Christ. How awesome is our God that just hearing about Him gripped a man to such an extent that he literally risked his life to just find out about it. That's some powerful stuff.

Interestingly somewhere else I read about

how in places where it really is dangerous for missionaries to go, folk were turning to the Lord through dreams and visions. Its so encouraging to know that NO-WHERE is out of His reach. The more I hear about the persecuted churches and the atrocities committed against our faith and in the name of our faith, the more encouraging it is to hear how God is big enough for anything and is going ahead and preparing the way all over the show. Such a mighty God we serve and again and again He proves Romans 8:28 *"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who serve the Lord."*

The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried.—G.K. Chesterton.



Music Review—Ankie De Boer

We often look to America and Australia for inspiring Christian music and worship leaders – however, we have some incredible talent in South Africa who simply don't get the exposure their international counterparts do.

One such man is Mark J Scholtz - I might be slightly biased as Mark is married to a lady who had great influence on my spiritual walk when I was in high school. Mark has been on the pastoral staff at Harvest Christian Fellowship Church in Port Elizabeth. He is involved with the worship leading and preaching.

Mark's first album "Great is our God" was launched in November 2008. The title track "Great is our God" reached no 1 on the Kingfisher billboard in January 2009.

His music ministry has taken him across the continents he spent a few weeks in the UK in 2012; he also does outreach weekends around South Africa.

In 2012, Mark was signed to Worthwhile Worship, a US-based worship label established by Tom Brock and work began on his second album "Holding on to You".

It was recorded in Los Angeles over the US summer. The producer, Dwayne Larring has produced albums for Tim Hughes, Matt Redman, Ben Cantelon and many other worship leaders.

My personal favourite on Mark's new album is "Your love" – the only problem with the album is that there are too few songs to enjoy!

So, butterflies of KZN-Drak Chrysalis, visit Mark's website



Photo provided

Faith appears where least expected and falters where it should thrive.—Philip Yancey

Patriarch's Ponderings—Craig Wells

The time has come.....

A whole year of preparation and prayer is behind us, and on the eve of flights 36 & 37, I am awed by the faithfulness of God. Everyone of the caterpillars is attending these flights to fulfil an appointment with Jesus Christ, regardless of what they may think.

The teams have attended training and are, along with many people in the community, praying faithfully for the caterpillars and the flights, whilst preparing themselves to serve.

The testimonies of young people who, despite huge pressures from outside, have a living relationship with Jesus, are what inspires me to continue serving in this amazing ministry.

In this age of instant gratification, Chrysalis stands apart, by teaching young people to lay a solid foundation for their faith. So through prayer, study and action, they can overcome any challenges that besiege them. So it is up to all of us, youth and babies alike, to take ownership of this truly amazing ministry and start thinking of who we can prayerfully sponsor to attend a flight.

FREE CALLS..... – CHRIS KENCHENTEN

Free calls anywhere anytime... sounds appealing to all who owns a phone doesn't it.

A principal giving the morning message to his students took out his cell phone and said "who owns one of these?" just about everybody stuck there hand in the air. He continued by saying "we are all too eager to spend airtime phoning and texting our friends and family. But let's not forget the free communication we have with God, prayer being our calls and the bible our received text messag-

es"

Reading and prayer is a part of our everyday lives as Christians. We pray for households, family, friends, guidance, forgiveness, the poor, the sick and needy... and the list goes on! Anywhere anytime and no reception required, always a direct open line. I rate our spiritual social network beats that of modern tech by long shot!

With constant praying and faith we receive blessing, gifts and answers from God. Miracles happen daily, lives are blessed and you pray to thank Him for all He does!

Most people watch news or read news papers and know what's happening in the world around us. Some things good, some things not so great as you obviously know. But don't be saddened by the bad, we serve a mighty and powerful God. Let's pray for our country like we pray for our households. Pray for God to lay a hand on this country, for peace, mercy, justice and His love to flood the nation as His word is ministered and shared.

Make them calls!



A Humble Tutor

It was either Augustine or St Francis who said "Spread the gospel everywhere, only where necessary use words." I've always loved that saying, but recently its come home to me (literally) in the form of a small black ball of fluff called Piff. In April I collected her at the airport after she'd endured a long, scary and awful day of delays and complications on her way from Cape Town to her new home with us. Her traveling box finally arrived on the counter and I carried her to the car and opened the door where upon she leapt out and into my arms and just plonked down like she knew she belonged. She didn't know me, but I offered her love and protection, and

that was her best option at the time. Often we find that God is our best option too...its not a glorious story, but its often the bottom line - He's the best alternative to our situation. And thank God He's more worthy of trust than I am.

Since then she has not ceased to live out touching examples of how we should act. I often think of that saying "Become the person your dog already thinks you are" and as another friend says - no wonder they are God spelt backwards.

After attaching a little jingly bell to Piffy's collar I am constantly reminded of the song Chris mentioned in the last edition "never once do we ever walk alone". God has given me evidence in the form of a poodle! Her loyalty and faithfulness is touching. If I was half as faithful to God as she is to me... wow!! It seems a bit childish and over

simplified to compare ourselves to dogs and to find great spiritual lessons from them, it might even offend some folk and I'm quite sure the great theologians would not approve, but I have to admit that the simplicity and honesty with which these gentle little messages are brought across makes me wonder if God didn't do it on purpose. Seeing how wonderful and perfect they are it's obvious that He delighted in their design, so why shouldn't He use them to teach the simpler among us a few good lessons. Anyway, I for one am very glad He did and that He chose to use Piffy for me.



QUICK WORD FROM THE LAY DIRECTORS: DI KYLE & GREG CONOLLY

Less than a week to go and my tummy is full of butterflies—enough to fill flights and flights!! Our numbers have crept up as God faithfully nudges caterpillars in our direction. The team is as prepared as we can be and I feel so privileged to be a member of it. Now it just remains for us to simply hand over our efforts for God to orchestrate during the weekend. Please cover us in your prayers and ask God to direct us - the members of the teams of Flights 36 and 37 - as we accompany the caterpillars for these three days and faithfully and intentionally love them as they walk along these few steps of their spiritual roads. My prayer is that God holds our ministry really tight and gives us the strength we need to grow it according to His will. God bless you all.

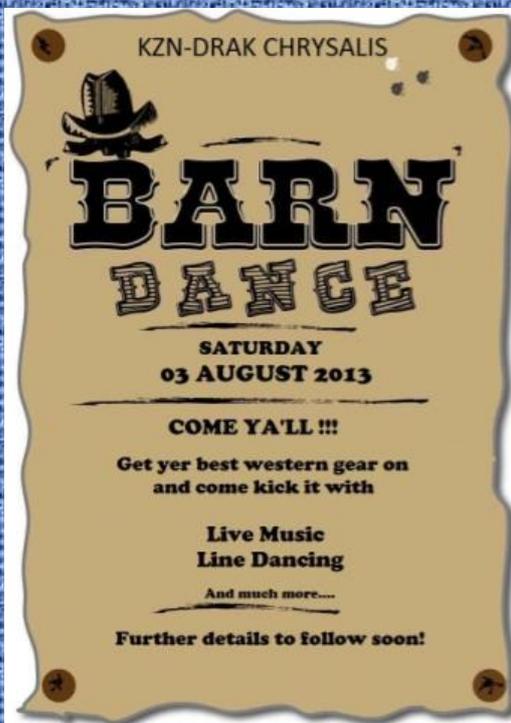
WHAT YOU CAN DO

- *SPONSOR CATERPILLARS—there is still space available on both flights.*
- *Take prayer slots (roster is on our website)*
- *Support candlelight and closing*
 - *Make agape gifts*
 - *Give financial sponsorship*

Days are few now, the excitement, and I must admit, nervousness, of the flights just around the corner is taking its toll. This whole experience of Lay Directorship has been an unbelievable and extremely humbling one. We, or better, I have learnt that God is control of everything, as long as we put Him first in all that we do. Two weeks ago we were sweating with the thought of where the caterpillars were going to come from and even looking at cancelling the flights. GUESS WHAT, the flights are carrying on, caterpillars are coming in and, yes, now its exciting stuff. To our community of KZN-Drak Chrysalis, thank you for all the hard work and prayers that have gone into these flights and I know will carry on until long after Sunday.

We need to believe and have faith and know that God will provide. God is good and our God is an awesome God, He is and was and will always be. Let us keep each other in prayer over the next few days for good health, peace within our hearts and souls, let us shout that it is well with my soul. Let us unite and grow in this wonderful team that I know we are.

Love you all and God's richest blessing for each and every one of you. Thank you, Father. Amen



A Step

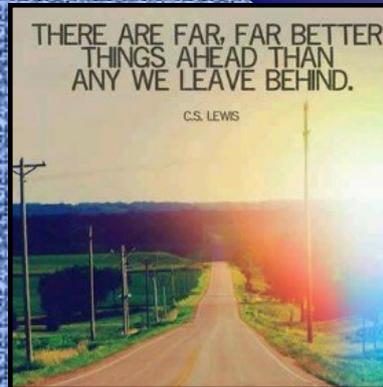
Prayer is quick and words are cheap
 With faith this shallow there's naught to reap
 So much to gain if I trust what You say
 Is the price that You ask so much to pay?
 Everything in me screams I must not
 Yet the emptiness in me needs more than I've got
 There's saying and there's doing and there's heaven and hell
 And its one or the other from what I can tell
 The choice is so simple, it should already be made
 And yet I stand here and feel just so afraid
 As the devil fills my head with every worry and doubt
 I make another excuse and politely bow out
 But no more can I do this, this option is done
 I've called my own bluff, no more can I run
 One look at the cross and all becomes clear
 Its all or nothing, there's no room for fear
 It's a step of blind faith, hoping everything is true
 But I can no longer live half-hearted for You
 All that I am, please bend to Your will
 Cause I've found faith in You, on a cross on a hill.



the point of prayer...

Somewhere we seem to have got the idea that prayer is a favour we are doing God. That way of thinking couldn't be more flawed if it tried! There is a saying, "Prayer moves the hand that moves the universe." When we forget to pray or don't have the time, we are intentionally turning away from the most powerful weapon we have at hand for any situation that may be facing us.

Often when hard times befall those close to us we feel genuinely helpless and that can be the worst feeling in the world. Prayer though cannot be understated. Often the greatest action we can do is fold our hands. Especially nowadays, when so many families are spread over such vast distances. With good news being so hard to come by nowadays, maybe take the moment to say a prayer into whatever bad situation you have just heard about, then at least you are doing all you can do. I think it was good ol' Philip Yancey who replied when he was asked why he prayed "I do because Jesus did!"



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Dear friends, so ends another edition. "Time waits for no man" as the saying goes and it certainly seems to be in a hurry lately as it pelts us full tilt toward these flights, half of me is flailing around trying to apply brakes and figure out what's potting carefully and the other half just wants to chuck it to the wind and dive in; fortunately such things aren't really left up to me. I do confess to serious excitement for these flights but as each day passes the nerves get strung a bit more tightly too!! So therefore, I have to ask you guys, PLEASE will you keep us covered in your prayers. Our vigil will be filled which is great, but we need all the prayer we can get - please remember us all in your daily prayers. These caterpillars are the next generation of adults in our country, and this is a chance to change their lives in a profound way at their deepest level. So, as you can see, we need prayer. Love, Kirst



KZN-DRAK CHRYSALIS GATHERING 2013

For the Post-flight gathering this year we have an amazing line up that really promises to be a great deal of fun! Please diarise the date and plan to come for as long as possible!

WHEN: 3-4th August

WHERE: African Bird of Prey Sanctuary

WHAT: Communion Service

•Praise and worship

•Games

•Spit Braai

•Barn Dance

•Live music/performances

•Line dancing

•Bonfires

•Sleepover in the barn

•Bacon and egg rolls

•Communion service and praise and worship over looking the valley

Details to follow...

* Western outfit compulsory for barn dance - best outfit scores a prize!

MENU:

- > Sheep on the spit
- > Knotted rolls
- > Chick food (of some sort)
- > Marshmallows

"For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." - Matthew 18:20