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Board Matters—Di Kyle

I would ask that you all take a minute to reflect on what Chrysalis has meant to you over the years. For young people who have participated in a Chrysalis weekend, it has offered the opportunity to be loved by complete strangers into a deeper realisation of how much God loves you in your uniqueness and humanity, in order that you can take that love back into your own church communities and make a difference by being God's hands and feet with a true servant's heart

For me, who was already a bit wrinkly when I first became involved with Chrysalis, it has granted me the opportunity and absolute joy of walking alongside a few young people on their own spiritual journeys. What a truly humbling and privileged experience.

The Chrysalis ministry offers so many diverse ways in which to serve our fellow man – as a support servant, in conference room, in chapel, on the music team, making agape, taking a slot on the prayer vigil, attending candlelight or closing services, serving on board or sponsoring caterpillars – take your pick. Any of these positions requires commitment with no remuneration but what rewards you reap!!

It is that time of year again when some board members have completed their term and new faces need elected. I can honestly say that it has been such a privilege to have been nominated and to have served on board. I am not going to preach to the converted - you all know what a special ministry Chrysalis is.

Initially I did not appreciate the importance of only serving a three year term. In my ignorance I thought that whilst people were still enthusiastic and passionate about serving on board they should be allowed to continue doing so. However, having served mine, I can truly say I now understand its importance.

No-one is indispensable. Everyone has their own take on following the model as closely as the manual prescribes. When one is in a leadership position for a protracted period of time you do tend to

become possessive and this is what needs guarded against – thus the three year term. It is essential to get new ideas, new blood and new leaders onto the board in order that it remains vigorous and effective. Past members and the community at large can always be called upon for any advice, support or assistance which only experience can provide, but the actual nuts and bolts activities and responsibilities of effectively leading the ministry have to be conducted by the one third progression rule – one third experienced, one third less experienced and one third inexperienced. KZN/Drak Chrysalis is not there yet but has been trying to become compliant and every year brings us closer to our goal.

We are having our Annual General Meeting on the 16th November and if any of you should wish to nominate potential board members please complete a nomination form and submit it to our Secretary – Scotty Kyle at rkyle@iafrica.com as soon as possible. Our nominations form can be found on our website.

We are also calling on anyone who wishes to work on next year's flights to submit completed application forms to Scotty as well. The flights will once again be taking place at The Wykeham Collegiate on the 4th – 6th July 2014 (team will obviously be involved from the 3rd – 6th July) Because this year's single weekend team formation was so successful we will be doing the same again next year - probably towards the end of May. These forms can also be found on our website.

We really look forward to an enthusiastic response from you, our community. Please keep Chrysalis the meaningful, loving ministry that it is meant to be. In the words of St Francis of Assisi "it is in giving that we receive."



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SOMETIMES, YOU JUST HAVE TO BOW YOUR HEAD, SAY A PRAYER, AND WEATHER THE STORM.



BIG OL' GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF YOU WRITING EXAMS! ESPECIALLY YOU MATRICS! NERVE RACKING STUFF BUT KNOW THAT WE'RE ALL PRAYING FOR YOU AND WISHING YOU WELL. GOD BLESS WITH THEM AND KEEP YOU CALM!



GOOD AND BAD

It's a fine line between being totally oblivious of other peoples suffering and knowing so much it gets you down. I am on the mailing list of Open Doors and have to admit that reading how 100 Christian were killed in Egypt in one week simply for their faith, it makes you ask some big, scary questions about yourself and what you'd do. The unbelievable persecution I read about that Christians face in Muslim countries makes me ask doubt my own faith instead of being grateful for how easy I have it. And these are relevant and good thought processes and there's nothing wrong with them every now and then, but when there is never a counter balance of GOOD news, that's when the problems come in.

And that's about the only reason I love technology. Somehow Facebook, in its wisdom, figured out I read Nick Vujicic (probably cause I listed him in my favourite authors) and it has now linked me to his facebook page and it comes up on my wall every time he posts anything. And friends, I'd advise you to do the same. He is such a breath of fresh air who is doing such amazing things! Aside from inspiring miracle stories like one he had the other day where his passport ran out in some weird and wonderful little country and he had to get a new one in three days and prayer got him it, he is also the most cheerful chap imaginable. I am yet to see a negative word in his messages. The good he is doing ALL OVER the world is so inspiring! And he's refreshingly honest too, asking for prayer when he is battling. So I was really

enjoying hearing all his news and that, but then he went on a mission trip to South America and wow, things got real. In one night over 1,000 folk accepted Christ in a town in Columbia that I don't know how to pronounce. The next day he spoke to the entire police force and another 100 committed their lives and then the next day he shared a message of hope with over 20,000 people in one of the big cities. And the next post was about playing with the children in a big orphanage there. And that's just one guy! Sure he's a high profile and well known fella with an amazing testimony and a real gift and calling, there are thousands of other good folk out there also quietly doing their good works! So yes, there's HUGE persecution, but there is even more good!

Prepare The Field—Chris Kenchenten

In the movie "FACING THE GIANTS" there is a scene where the pastor is talking to the football coach, who was in serious need for some advice and guidance. He tells him a story about two farmers which needed to plant their crops, but needed rain to do so. So the two farmers went and prayed to God for rain. But only one of them went out and prepared his fields to receive it.

I reckon this story is a good example of faith and applies to every one of us in our daily lives with God. We constantly pray and talk to God about the things happening in our lives and the things

we need/want.

Just like the farmer in the story though, we must work hard and prepare for the things we ask. By always serving him in all we do and having faith in Him.

SURE it won't always be a casual walk in the park, but when harvest time comes you will sure be reaping the benefits. Because seed cast in fertile soil always grow pretty well.

Mathew 13: 3-8

A farmer went out to sow his seed, some fell along a path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places,

where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what it was sown.



Ex_Officio's

The world as we know it has been experiencing such extremes of weather in recent years – in our part of the world we had none of the gentle spring rains that generally precede the planting of crops in preparation for the summer growth period. This has meant that the heavy rains that we have experienced in the last week are doing damage as well as facilitating growth. The rivers are flooding, two people drowned, lands are being inundated and crops that had been planted are being washed out. As we read in Ecclesiastes???? “to everything there is a season” and as far as Chrysalis is concerned it is the season of recommitment and enthusiastic preparation for next year. In this time of preparation we should be going out to spread the word about Chrysalis – we should be chatting to youth pastors in our church-

es and in fact going to new churches and encouraging people to participate in a Walk to Emmaus so that they understand the programme and will encourage their youth to attend one of our flights. Don't wait until next year when youth pastors have already planned their annual Christian camps - contact them all now. Unless we broaden our net we will get no growth and Chrysalis, as we know it, will simply shrivel up and die as opposed to spreading its beautiful wings in order to fly further afield. Three walks are happening in May and they offer us an opportunity to sponsor adults in order to fill our flights later- think about it. Chrysalis relies on our Emmaus community to sponsor their children and grandchildren so it makes sense that the more Pilgrims there are the more caterpillars there'll be. We are about to have our AGM followed shortly by team selection – is anyone out there keen to nominate someone or become involved with the

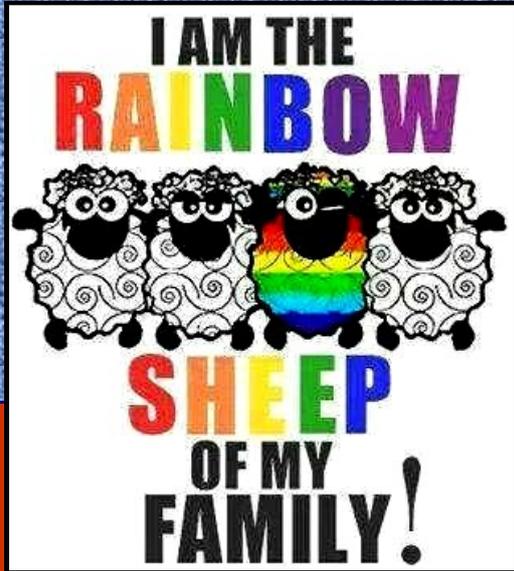
board or become a member of the teams for Flights 38 and 39? Unless we plant up our fields and water and tend them regularly we are not going to reap any harvest. We have been mandated to go out and spread God's word – what a pleasure. Fill up your baskets with the seeds and spread them as widely as possible. What are the seeds I hear you ask? They are - LOVE and the harvest is - MORE LOVE. What an easy task to become involved in and in which to achieve excellence!! We are not given a goal to achieve we are simply instructed to love. Who doesn't want to experience love? It's so easy to plant the seeds -smile, laugh, help people, chat to people, hug people, spend time with lonely people, be joyful. Try it – it really is not difficult. Now as the year begins to wind down, please think back on what you have achieved as

With all the time in the world, God waits, tolerating the insults of human history out of mercy, not impotence. - Philip Yancey

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What matters is not faith and works; its not faith or works; its faith that works!



The Prayer of St Francis
Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness light;
And where there is sadness, joy.
Divine Master,
Grant that I might not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Serving on the Chrysalis is board is quite an amazing thing. If I can tell you about my experience... I was reluctant to join, thinking that I would be totally jaded by all the nitty gritty, and politics and personalities that might get in the way when dealing with the nuts and bolts of the ministry and I was scared I'd lose my passion and love for it all. Boy was I wrong though!



When I was approached about serving on the board I said no but was then asked again a while later and said no again, without thinking. I then spent a moment thinking about it and realized that I actually had no reason not to... so I said I'd changed my mind. I really was totally unsure what to expect but I can honestly say I have been delighted. I have so enjoyed my year on the board so far and am so keen for the next two. The discussion and fellowship that happens during the meetings is special, but what always strikes me as so amazing is the fact that 13 professional adults have taken a precious day of their weekend to dedicate to God's ministry. The power and potential of those inspired people is quite amazing! I come away from each meeting feeling inspired and empowered and more passionate about it all than ever before. I'm going to really miss the leaving members but can't wait to meet the new ones and get to know them a bit better.

But anyway, that's enough little blurb about it from me! And that's about it for this edition. Sorry its so short, but there just isn't too much news at this time of the year. On the chrysalis front. Stand by though cause there are things in the pipelines! God bless! Kirst

Taken from the IDOP 2013 Free to Follow website.

International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church - IDOP

In the traditional church calendar, All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day stand out in the month of November, set apart to remember the saints of the church and the souls of those who departed this world. It is fitting, then, that the modern church has set apart the month of November to remember and pray for the persecuted church, through the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP).



Believers in countries such as Egypt, Eritrea, India, Iran, Nigeria, Pakistan and Vietnam face violence, imprisonment and even death because of their faith in Jesus Christ. There are other places in the world such as North Korea where acts of persecution take place, but we don't see or hear of it. Brother Andrew of Open Doors once said: 'Our heroes are not with us simply because they are in prison.'

IDOP is a time set apart for us to remember thousands of our Christian brothers and sisters around the world who suffer persecution, simply because they confess Jesus Christ as Lord.

This year our focus includes the plight of Christians in India, who are suffering increasing persecution by militants who want a Hindu-only India.

The 10th of November is the day we have set aside but if that's not convenient then any day is fine. God hears all our prayers anyway. Join your prayers with the world for our brother and sisters under persecution!

