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Christmas Message—Andre Du Plooy

What a wonderful time of the year, everyone busy, a time of expectation and hope, the greatest Gift the world has ever received, Jesus Christ- and it's HIS birthday we are celebrating.

It sort of reminds me of a story I heard a few years back, let me re-count it to you as I remember it.

So here goes...

AND IT CAME TO PASS...

"The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me." -- Martin Luther

During a bible study the question was asked, "In your time of discouragement, what is your favourite Scripture?"

A young man said, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want" Psalm 23:1. A middle aged woman said, "God is my refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" Psalm 46:1. Another woman said, "In this world you shall have tribulations, but be of good cheer, I have overcome this world" John 16:33-35.

Then old Mr. John who was 80 years old,

with head of white hair and dark black skin, stood up and said with as much strength as he could muster, "It says, 'And it came to pass...' 85 times in the Bible." The class started to laugh a little, thinking that old Mr. John's lack of memory was getting the best of him.

When the snickering stopped, he said, "At 30, I lost my job with six hungry mouths and a wife to feed. I didn't know how I would make it. At 40, my eldest son was killed overseas in the war. It knocked me down. At 50, my house burned to the ground. Nothing was saved out of the house. At 60, my wife of 40 years got cancer. It slowly ate away at her. We cried together many a night on our knees in prayer. At 65, she died. I still miss her today.

"The agony I went through in each of these situations was unbelievable. I wondered where was God. But each time I looked in the bible I saw one of those 85 verses that said, 'And it came to pass' I felt that God was telling me, my pain and my circumstances were also going to pass and that God would get me through it."

What a testimony to us, and yes 365 days have passed and it has come to pass again, Emmanuel, God is with us, is here.

Have a blessed Christmas

Andre

The Magic of
Christmas
is not in the presents,
but in His
presence

The True Meaning of Giving

As He looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. "I tell you the truth", He said "This poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on." (Luke 21:1-4)

Patriarch's Ponderings—Craig Wells

As we enter the twilight of 2013 I would like to take a moment to contemplate both, the year behind us and the weeks ahead.

The year behind us flew by in a blur, we held our first training weekend, which was a great success. We had 2 fantastic flights, many young lives were enriched by the working of the Holy Spirit on the Chrysalis weekends. Then the gathering was awesome, with a lot of legs getting a workout in a barn dance, enjoyed by both young and old.

Then most recently, the passing of Nelson Mandela, reminded the world of the power of a life lived in grace and humility.

Now we look ahead to Christmas and have the reminder of the birth of our saviour, Jesus Christ, who is the ultimate example of grace and humility.

So as we celebrate the birth of Christ, may we all remember the purpose of his life. My prayer is that you all have a blessed Christmas and that you will join me in a prayer to remember those who are ill, grieving, destitute and all who are searching for the comfort of the Grace offered by Jesus.

May you have a fantastic break and return full of energy for our ministry in Chrysalis next year.

God Bless, de colores

Craig Wells

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Tracy, Craig, Brad, Mark, Greg (inset Mike)
Colleen, Paulette, Diane, Scotty (inset Wendy)
Shelly, Kirsty (inset Reg, Andre)



KZN-Drak Chrysalis Board 2013

The saddest part about the end of a year is bidding farewell to the members of the board who have finished their term. This year we give heart-felt thanks to Paulette, Shelly, Scotty, Diane and Reg - you guys served with servants' hearts and it has been a genuine pleasure. At least it is not goodbye, because we know you will remain a part of the ministry, once a butterfly, always a butterfly!

What they had to say:

I thought I'd use the medium of our Chrysalis newsletter to just say thank you, KZN Drak Chrysalis, for the privilege of working as a board member for my term of office. It has been a wonderful experience as a result of which I have grown hugely in my spiritual life, have met and made friends with people I would ordinarily not have crossed paths with, have cried with and laughed with others and have just generally had my life broadened enormously. I do know that there are many, many ministries in which one can become involved but Chrysalis has been a wonderful one for me. In spite of our circumstances living on the Mozambique border, I have been able to play an effective role over the years and will hopefully continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Being on the board does not involve rocket science; the only criteria that are essential are a passionate love of God and a desire to make a difference in young people's lives. A large amount of enthusiasm doesn't go amiss and preparedness to turn your hand to anything helps too. We just have to remember that being a board member is a servant role on a working board - just the same as any other role we play in Chrysalis and Emmaus. The board always needs new people with new ideas and new energy and I would encourage anyone who feels they would like to get more involved to prayerfully consider becoming involved at board level. Finally, my prayer for our KZN Drak Chrysalis and Emmaus family is that you all have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful, peaceful New Year. Be safe. With butterfly kisses, Di Kyle

Hello all

It has been an incredible 3 years of serving on the KZN-Drak Chrysalis Board. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve in 2 background roles - holding the IT and Agape portfolio's. With anything there are ups and there are downs but working with this amazing team there were far more ups than downs. It is so rewarding working together towards the common goal of successful flights. It's lovely to see how God uses people of all ages and backgrounds if they are willing. He uses our small talents and turns them into amazing results which glorify Him. For me, having to redesign the website twice with very little knowledge of website development, has also been a good learning curve. Serving on board I have met and got to know some wonderful people and amazing friends who I know will be friends for many years to come. I would encourage each and every one of you to serve in small ways every day and quietly (no else needs to know) and you will become enriched and will in turn be a blessing to others. If you haven't worked on team think about it as this is where you make good friends and learn and grow a lot more. If you get asked to serve on the board think about it seriously; if you accept it, commit to it, take it to heart and you will be blessed beyond words. Thank you for allowing me to serve on your KZN-Drak Board. God Bless you all.. Paulette

My 3 years as registrar were certainly challenging, but they were also immensely rewarding. I had the opportunity to see the different parts of the board working together towards glorifying our heavenly Father; JUST the way He calls us to. Some minor blips occurred, as we expect from anything involving man, but they were always nipped in the bud. I feel that it's important to move on now that my term has ended, and I trust that my successor, Tracy Rowland, will also experience the joy of working together with like-minded friends; who all have a passion for the Chrysalis model and its life-changing impact on our youth. - Shelly Dewsnap

Serving on the KZN Drak Chrysalis Board has been a blessing to me. Speaking as possibly the oldest Board member ever it was a privilege to serve with such enthusiastic and dedicated young at heart people. Chrysalis does make a difference, it makes it in absolutely everyone it touches whether it is the board members, caterpillars, team members, supporters, sponsors or just those at the venues in which we operate. Initially I had thought that I would only work in support, in the background, but God had other ideas and we end up doing, not what we think we should do or even want to do, but what we are needed to do. As the new Board takes over their main challenge must be to maintain the awesome atmosphere at closing well after the event and right through the year. The devil hates Chrysalis and is using all his weapons including apathy and distractions to divert our youth elsewhere but our Chrysalis is thriving and our new Board is packed with enthusiasm and talent. More than ever this country now needs the values of Christian love and tolerance, especially among our youth, and this is exactly what Chrysalis is about. To see young people of all colour laughing together and doing God's work is inspiring and the best thing is that the young people really enjoy the whole experience. While Chrysalis is a carefully orchestrated programme each Flight is different but uniquely suited to the time and specific Caterpillars and, despite all the apparent glitches, God is working his "magic" and the outcome is never in doubt. Chrysalis changes people's lives for the better and how many people this affects and how greatly they are affected is mostly as a result of the Board's actions. I am stepping out of the Board but have already applied to be in the Team for the next Flight and look forward to doing my best to continue to change South African youth for the better. - Scotty Kyle

Crashing Waves to Gentle Rollers

I was fishing this morning and I had an epiphany during an interaction with my poodle, Piff (which is ironic cause she is named after an epiphany!) I had waded out through the waves over the rocks to a hopeful looking gully and Piff had insisted on coming with me and was jumping up my leg and whining and complaining! I was getting irritated with her because she was totally safe and just being dramatic - of which I informed her, but she paid no heed! So I ignored her! Needless to say I caught nothing and

soon returned to shore where Piffy totally lost interest in me and started chasing after bits of weed blowing down the beach. It was at that moment that my light-blub switched on!

I knew she was safe and just being silly - whining and wanting 'saved' from the water, but from her vantage point the crashing walls of water must have looked terrifying and have seemed insurmountable. From my grand height I could see they were just gentle rolling waves that had already broken. She, however, could see none

of that. And I suddenly wondered if that is not exactly what often happens when we cry out for God to save us from the seemingly insurmountable waves crashing in on us. Maybe He has already broken them and knows that they are now just gentle rollers that will ultimately strengthen us..... and our cries do not go unheard, He just sees further than we do and knows we will be ok.

I just hope He does not get as irritated as I did though!! (although we don't splash cold water up His broeks so)

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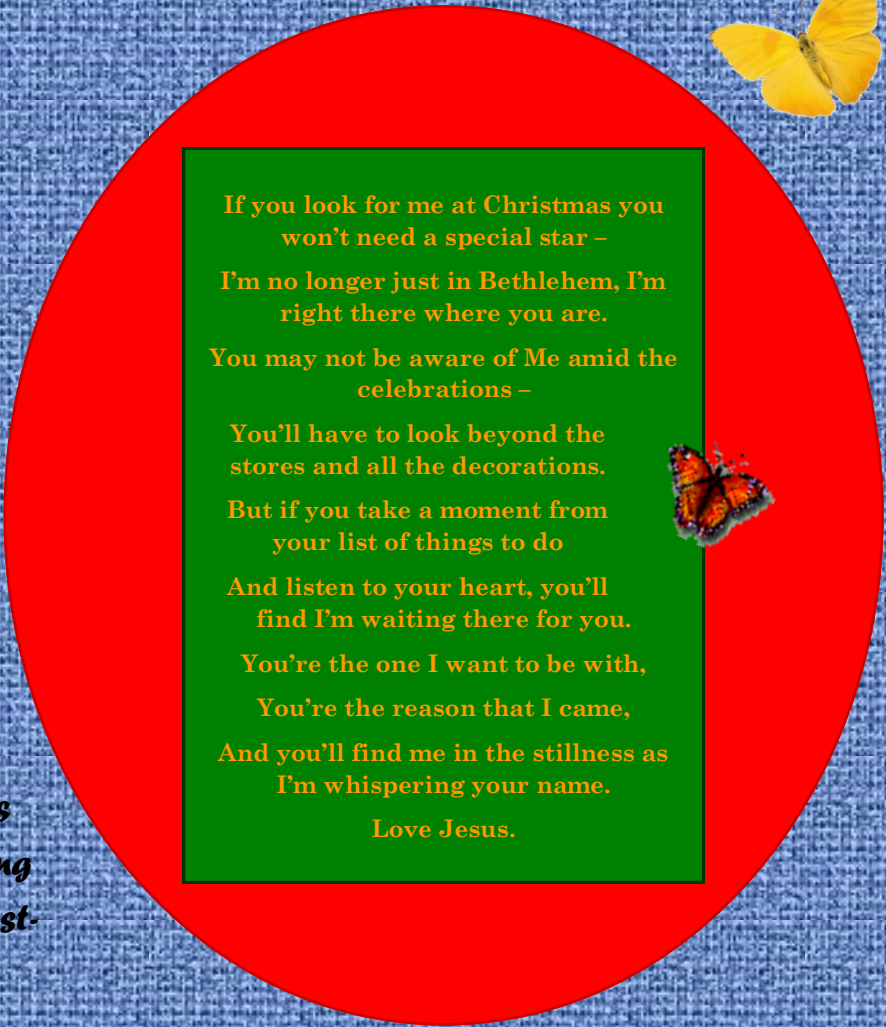
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Andre, Craig, Shelly,
Paulette, Scotty, Di
and Chris. Thanks
guys for your special
contributions.
Much appreciated!



If you look for me at Christmas you
won't need a special star –
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem, I'm
right there where you are.
You may not be aware of Me amid the
celebrations –
You'll have to look beyond the
stores and all the decorations.
But if you take a moment from
your list of things to do
And listen to your heart, you'll
find I'm waiting there for you.
You're the one I want to be with,
You're the reason that I came,
And you'll find me in the stillness as
I'm whispering your name.
Love Jesus.

*Christmas isn't just about giving gifts, its
about making other people happy, making
them feel God's presence through our exist-
ence.*

Festive Fever—Chris Kenchenten

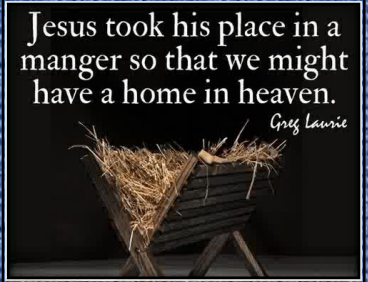
It's that time of the year again where we look forward to some holiday time and things become relaxed, merry, joyful and full of love. Jup... it's the festive season where we celebrate 2 big occurrences. Christmas and the entering of the new year.

We all have our own ways and traditions when we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, be it travelling to family to celebrate with them or staying home to celebrate with close kin but we all celebrate for the same reason... unity as a family in Jesus Christ and God our Father, thanking God for the Gift He sent to us on this day many, many years ago, His own Son.

And then there is the biggest party of the year, the new year's bash... what a night... a fresh start, new adventures, and many more things I can think of to look forward to.

Let's tackle this festive season with a grateful heart, grateful to the One who makes this all possible for us every year. Let's thank God for keeping us through yet another year and blessing us with family and friends.

Merry Christmas and happy new year, folks... may God bless you and keep you safe on the roads if you are travelling.



And so ends another edition. I'd like to personally wish you all a very merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years, hope it's a really great one for you all, shared with good friends and family with ample good food and giggles and all the other special things that go into making our Christmases amazing! I've spent the morning decking out grandma's tree and lounge and of course my poor dog as well, and I can't help but revert to a childlike happiness and excitement that "Hey chaps!! 2 Sleeps!!" Hope it's a goody friends, and have a fantastic new year too! All the very best and look forward to sharing 2014 with you all!

Lots of Love! Kirst oxox

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. MAY GOD'S RICHEST BLESSING JUST BE A CONSTANT COMPANION TO YOU AS YOU ENJOY THE FESTIVE SEASON BEARING IN MIND WHAT IT'S ALL REALLY ABOUT. AND OF COURSE THE VERY HAPPIEST OF NEW YEARS AS WELL! THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMPANIONSHIP AND INTEREST IN 2013 AND I HOPE THAT YOU CARRY ON SHARING THE MINISTRY WITH US IN 2014. CHRYSALIS JUST WISHES YOU ALL THE VERY, VERY BEST FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON WHILE WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF OUR CORNERSTONE AND SAVIOUR! GOD BLESS!!