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believe in
good things
to come.



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tions to follow – nothing elaborate or difficult. We have to ensure that our Chrysalis and Emmaus ministry is God-centred. We need to make prayer our foundation stone. Personally I feel that if we do that, it will remove most of the human factor and legalism that result from not listening quietly for God's instructions. We all have a tendency to pray about a problem and when we don't get an answer immediately we resort to doing something in our own strength! We are forget that God gets back to us in His time not ours. This is such an important period in our KZN Drak Chrysalis calendar. A time when team formation is taking place and training

for our upcoming flights is imminent. We should all be prayerfully considering who to approach with regard to sponsoring caterpillars in order to grow our community. In my mind's eye I see that as the virtual wall is built higher and higher across Africa its base needs to be broadened, caterpillar by caterpillar, in order to support it. We cannot do it in our own strength. We have to include God in every small detail in preparation for and on the weekend of our flights and God will honour His promises to us by giving us so much more than we could imagine. Look to the sky – a double rainbow.

The importance of our Chrysalis ministry was brought home so strongly for me at a meeting in Pretoria the other day. Our Global Leader - Africa representative - said that it is an Upper Room vision to create a Christian barrier across Africa in order to prevent the scourge of evil in North Africa from getting a foot hold in Southern Africa. It made me realise that we, as individuals in Christian communities, can be part of the solution for once. Imagine how we, as the Chrysalis community, can make a difference. How best to go about it? To my mind there are simple instruc-

The KZN Emmaus walks are coming up soon friends, please bear them in mind and consider sponsoring an aunty or uncle, cousin or friend, Mom or Dad... Remember the prayer vigil needs filled. All the forms and the vigil can be found on the Emmaus Website. Lets show them support guys, they support us hugely and we are after all one big happy family in Christ.

Men's walk 101—23-26 April

Ladie's walk 102—30-3 May

Alarga stroll—16-19 July.

(Alarga is Emmaus for the physically disabled)

Exciting news is that Emmaus Ministries are spreading up into Africa. A second set of walks are scheduled for Zambia a bit later in the year and team formation is happening soon. If anyone is keen to work on the team or support in some way please look on the website for more info. It is such a wonderful and exciting thought that we are taking the incredible message found on the road to Emmaus up into Africa. What a privilege to be a part of it.

If anyone has any Christian books lying around that they don't want anymore, please will you consider donating them to Chrysalis. We are keen to sell them at the book tables as well as new books as a means of getting a few bucks in for the ministry. Please contact me if you have any and we can organise how to get them and store them etc.

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NEW BOARD MEMBERS



We'll hear from Gerhardus next edition.

JUNE LOMBARD

Mom and Granny who still works full time in the environmental and waste management fields. Loves to serve the Lord - working on Alarga stroll this year and in Children's Church with my little assistant, Miss Chiff. (pic!) I love growing



I was part of #Walk37 way back in 2001. A weekend of renewal and refreshing, where I was filled anew with the sheer joy of meeting Jesus, who allowed me, to laugh and dance with HIM. That Indescribable, bubbly joy is still with me to-day. All glory to GOD.

I am married to Tom and we have been blessed with four precious children between us. Janine married to Dean, Bernese married to Christopher, Craig and Roxanne. We have four grandchildren. The eldest, second year varsity and the youngest in grade 10. Next to GOD, my family is the most precious gift of all and we are all serving Him in some way or other. As a parent, there is no greater blessing. I retired from UKZN, after 22 very happy years and now find myself probably busier than I have ever been before. We live very simply and try to take time out every day to enjoy the birds in our garden. I love all dance disciplines and the theatre and read a little.

I served on Chrysalis Flights/Journeys #12, #15, #18 and #19, which was a long time ago and hope to once again experience the passion and freedom of our young people, as we walk together this year. I have been privileged to have made special friendships over the years, while being part of Emmaus, Chrysalis, Alarga and Kairos. All wonderful life changing programmes. I give glory to GOD for the work He has done in me and pray for HIS continued blessing as we journey in faith.

CHERYL OTTEN



SONJA STANDER - I am a single mommy, 32, with a beautiful ten year old girl. Its my mission in life to raise her well...some people call it the old fashioned way....I call it with respect and dignity...

That is why Chrysalis is such a huge part of my heart. I want to see the youth be more responsible and in control of their thoughts and emotions. I believe Chrysalis is an ideal tool for teaching them just that...and to equip them with leadership skills to go out and inspire other kids to live like God wants us to.

Needless to say I thrive on the fellowship we share and experience during the preparation of the flight and on the flight. I gave the single life speech at the last flight and boy oh boy was I blessed by it myself....everyone wins.

I like being creative...doing things that make my hands happy....

I live and thrive on music. I even write my own songs, which I was privileged enough to perform in my own church. I play guitar...not too well, but I get some sounds out, and I sing. Always. Whether its out loud or in my head. There is always a song going on in there. Love nature and fishing. I work at the Family violence, child protection and sexual offences unit of the SAPS (FCS) and I see many broken youths in my normal day to day workings....so watching these little caterpillars evolve into butterflies at Chrysalis,

gives me hope and joy. Hope that things could change for the lost and broken, and Joy because the Kingdom receives new souls to help us win the ultimate battle. I think God and the angels celebrate after each flight. I know I do.



This Guest Never Leaves—Chris Kenchenten

One thing I've noticed about most house holds I've visited, is that when guests are expected there's always this little clean up mission afoot. Making sure that all is in its place, beds are made, clutter is hidden and the good plates are put out.

This is what I thought of a few nights ago when I read my devotional... it spoke of how will you react if you heard Jesus was on His way to come visit you? Will you clean up, put the magazines away and put the bible in plain sight, will you change into the fancy clothes to make a smart first appearance or will you await His arrival at the door as you are. And how will you act with Jesus in your house, will you go about things as normal or will you watch your mouth and actions and be relieved when He leaves again.

Now that got me thinking about this matter. We as Christians all have Jesus in our hearts right... so that means, He in fact is always there. not visiting but residing. He does see all of our actions and hears all our conversations and sees all the things we watch on TV. He's right there in whatever we do, listening to our thoughts.

So what it basically tells me is, always act as if you know Jesus is standing next to you, speak the way you would as if you are in front of Him, and live the way you would as if Jesus was your room mate. He's not a guest that will leave later today or a mate that visits when he has a free moment. He is in our hearts forever and isn't going anywhere.



Recently I've taken up a bit of diving behind backline in the ocean which has been nerve wracking to say the least. But I have to say its been really good for my faith as I have not only learned a few lessons but I've also developed a more healthy prayer life when I'm out there—"Oh Lord let that not be a shark."

Allow me to share what I have learned.

Lesson #1 KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN! Getting beyond the breakers is the hardest part for me. Going up against a crashing wall of water is a bit scary for even the lion hearted, and on the scale of lion-hearted-ness I rank along side a pigeon... But that said I am not one to back down from something because of a trifling thing like terror! So you swim out, and your dive master/ brother says "keep your head down and SWIM!" And as you approach them the waves tower and crash and I shut my eyes and stick my head down and doggy-paddle for all I'm worth. There are a few bubbles and splashes and next thing I'm gur-

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gling and wheezing and bobbing around on the other side and its all over... So often we get caught up in how scary a thing looks and appears and sounds... that we don't realize that if we just put our heads down and DO IT, its over and done and is not nearly as bad as it seemed... But if you look up and around in the middle of it you are very likely to lose heart (and get tumbled and smashed and drowned in my case...!)

Lesson #2 DO IT ANYWAY! With my heroic disposition I've always like the famous Mark Twain quote "Courage is mastery of fear, not absence of fear." A repeat it many times as a mantra in between genuine and heartfelt prayers every time I think I see a shadow out there... But the bottom line is that if I didn't overcome my fear of what we might find, I wouldn't get to see and absolutely delight in what we do find. It's a whole other world out there with shoals of huge, exquisite parrotfish gliding past underneath, quizzical old trigger fish coming up

to see what you think you are doing in their turf, goat fish filtering along with their whiskers through the sand on the bottom and beautiful rays that park off in the sand watching you with their beady little eyes. My personal favourites are the turtles mainly because I have the satisfaction of finding something that is more scared than I am... They take one peek at us and bolt out of sight, most satisfying. But the bottom line is it is absolutely magical out there and I love it... and if I didn't overcome my uneasiness about actually getting wet and going out... I'd miss out on it all. Its really not worth letting fear hold you back from anything... there are admittedly many other rational reasons not to do certain things... but plain fear should never be one of them. You will regret it.

Having said all that you might wonder why on earth I go out if its so scary... because I'm over dramatizing it all! Yes it is a bit edgy and I do say the odd prayer, but I have my big stinky brother with me keeping me company

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These guys are in Durban on the 27th of March... book online. Will be an amazing concert. SEE YOU THERE!!

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THAT MOMENT AFTER YOUR FIRST BITE...



I had such a good chuckle when I found this picture on Facebook, I know the feeling pretty well, busy digging into a juicy, delicious plate of whatever and some pious so and so obnox-

Gratitude is a Grace

iously says "shall we say grace" generally while my mouth is full and fork is half way with the next installment! That said though, grace is an extremely important aspect of our lives as Christians. For one, it frees us from the eating regulations that the Jews had in the Old Testament, and also just because it makes us pause for a moment in our hectic day and for that one moment just acknowledge God and say thank you.

Grace is done in so many varied ways, some people say a rote one, at Chrysalis we sing grace, others say beautiful, unique graces, and by the time some people have finished their grace, the food that we are grateful for has gone cold!! All different but all good, because even if it is just a habit that happens naturally without much thought, it is a good habit, it is a habit

that acknowledges Gods presence in an every day thing.

There is so, so much to be grateful to God for, we really need to give thanks for more things in life. And grace is a very good place to start.

Well, so ends another edition. I have to apologise for it being late. I have had issues with my laptop. But anyway, better late than never. I hope you guys are off to a flying start in the new year. Look forward to another year walking/flying together on the old road to Emmaus.

God bless and keep you strong until next edition. Lots of Love, Kirsty J. Kyle :)