

REPORT: ALAN & SYLVIA FOX

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Dear brethren,

It is good to be home again! We arrived home from the US and had to try and recover from jetlag for a few days but had to quickly face the mountain of work which was waiting for us to tackle.

Sylvia quickly immersed herself in her garden again to try and straightened out the things which were lacking. Plants which died and grass which had overgrown – even so, she was enjoying the challenge. By the grace of God we are in good health and pray that this report finds you doing well in all spheres of life but especially the spiritual in Christ Jesus.

Engagements:

BRIXTON CONGREGATION:

The brethren were glad that we were back and smiles and hugs were the order of the day – and then the work started...

I preached one out of three Sunday mornings at Brixton and took over the Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes. We continued with our "Journey through the Bible" and we are currently in the book of Exodus. I am thankful to the men who stood in for me during my absence and now we have to pull out all stops to catch up with lost time. Wednesday evening we are doing a study of the miracles and parables of Jesus alternating between the two topics per week.

A number of the older members have not been too well and one of them Martha Du Plessis landed up in hospital while we were away. Sylvia and I paid her a visit in the hospital and although she had lost quite a bit of weight she seemed to be on the road to recovery.

Most of the members are away on holiday but there are still a good number of us meeting together on a Sunday morning and Wednesday evening.

BRAKPAN CONGREGATION:

The saints here were equally glad to see us back and I was invited to preach here on Sunday evening December 27th. Some of the brethren here have also gone away on holiday but there is still a sizable number on the congregation in attendance. I have been invited back on Sunday evening January 3rd, 2010 and have mentioned to the brethren that I would be available for more commitments in the New Year.



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KWA-THEMA SPRINGS CONGREGATION:

I have been able to attend two of our midweek studies with a member of this congregation and another who is not a Christian and thereafter we had a meeting with the preacher brother Ephraim Radebe who is getting on in years now. I pledged to assist them in whatever capacity they may need me and we are planning to hold some Gospel meetings throughout the coming year. They are a small congregation (about 15 members) and said they would welcome the help which they could get to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in and around their area.

MIDWEEK CLASSES:

We are not back to our full program yet but already it seems as though time will be of the essence in the coming year.

We have reconfirmed two classes of the weekly classes (besides Wednesday evening at Brixton) and hope to confirm to others in the next few weeks

OTHER:

I have drawn up the new roster of duties for Sundays and Wednesdays for the Brixton congregation and will be discussing it with the men who are available on Sunday January 3rd, 2010.

A young preacher by the name of Eric Hamilton contacted me to arrange for a month-long preaching tour in South Africa and I have already confirmed with four different congregation with whom he will spend a week each starting in Johannesburg with Brixton Brakpan and Orlando (Soweto) congregations

My plans for 2010 include holding several Gospel meetings at various congregations throughout the year and I am just waiting for the majority of the brethren to return from their annual holidays to confirm these.

May you be presented with many opportunities throughout this coming year to present to a lost and dying world the glorious Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Greetings to the local assembly of Christ

Your servants in Christ

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