

REPORT: ALAN & SYLVIA FOX

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Dear brethren,

We are now approaching the second month of winter and the starting temperatures are frequently around freezing point (0° C) in Johannesburg

By God's grace Sylvia and I are doing well health wise and we pray the same is true for you.

Engagements:

BRAKPAN CONGREGATION:

I now visit and preach here once a month on a Sunday evening. My next appointment is July 3rd.

KWA-THEMA SPRINGS CONGREGATION:

We have finally had our first Saturday afternoon study followed by another one on a Thursday morning because we have school holidays at the moment. Our next class is scheduled for July 2nd and we will be continuing with chapter 16 of 1 Corinthians. This letter has turned out to be such an engaging one and I think it is because there are so many problems and questions with which we can identify as the people of God. We will strive to keep these things in memory as we travel toward our ultimate goal – the crown of life reserved for us in heaven.

BRIXTON CONGREGATION:

Our series of Resolutions are progressing well on a Wednesday evening and the brethren are keen on participating in this study because it hits so close to home with most of us. Our previous topic was on Forgiveness and we had a clear understanding of what should drive us to forgive those who have trespassed against us – our need for forgiveness from our heavenly Father. Our last lesson was on Marital Fidelity and the bottom line lesson was: "How could we be faithful to God whom we have not seen if we cannot be faithful to our spouses whom we have seen" (adapted from 1 John 4:20) besides being faithful to our spouses is a part of us being faithful to God because this is His requirement of us.

Our Sunday morning study continues with the topic of women's role in the church.

MIDWEEK CLASSES:

My list of engagements was as follows:

Tuesday	Morning	10h00 to 12h00	Ladies class
Wednesday	Evening	19h00 to 20h00	Brixton midweek class – Resolutions
Thursday	Evening	18h30 to 19h30	Know Your Bible – Clarrisa Hopley
Saturday	Afternoon	14h00 to 16h00	1 Corinthians
Sunday	Morning	09h00 to 10h00	The role of women in the church
Sunday	Morning	10h00 to 11h00	Brixton congregation – Main service
Sunday	Evening	17h00 to 18h00	Linmeyer / Brakpan evening service

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REBIRTHS:

I received a letter in the mail from a correspondence student to whom I did not send any lessons. It turned out that Ernest Hlongwane searched among his brother things and found a lesson that he had done and wrote to the address on the completed lesson. This was Les and Linda Maydell's address and they in turn sent the first three lesson of the Know-Your-Bible correspondence course to him. The Maydells told him to complete them and return them to me and that's how I ended up with the lessons. I the third lesson Ernest wanted to know where he could find the church of Christ closest to where he lives because he wanted to also have his sins washed away in baptism (the third lesson introduces the importance of baptism in the scheme of redemption) I then wrote back to him and asked him for his street



address and contact number so that we could meet. Ernest lives near Rustenburg, some two hours drive from Johannesburg. I contacted brother George King who is a member in Rustenburg and told him about Ernest and that I planned to meet Ernest on Saturday June 25th to study further with him – Sylvia accompanied me. George offered to let us study at his home in Rustenburg and after an intensive question and answered period, Ernest asked to be immersed for the remission of his sins. George kindly consented to us using his pool and I baptised Ernest into Christ. (Galatians 3:27)

We all greatly rejoiced for this new creation in Christ and thank God for Ernest's good heart. Ernest is 27 years old and not married and lives approximately 70 kilometres from the centre of Rustenburg where the church meets but has resolved to meet with the saints every first day of the week. Though Sylvia and I will not see Ernest that often we will try to stay in contact through the rest of the lessons I will be sending to him. Please remember Ernest in your prayers.

Greetings to the church of Christ in your locality

Your servants in Christ

Alan & Sylvia Fox