

# REPORT: ALAN & SYLVIA FOX

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**D**ear brethren,

The chill ended prematurely and we have experienced a month of considerably high temperatures for this period of time. Will winter be just as mild or are we headed for extremely low temperatures? We thank our God every day that we live in a country where freedom of religion is part of our constitution and make intercession for the saints in other parts of the world who are not as fortunate as us.

By the grace of God, Sylvia and I consider ourselves blessed to be in good health, there are many in our congregation and elsewhere on this globe who are not in such fortunate circumstances as far as their health and other physical matters are concerned.

Our prayer is that God would bless you and your families with a good dose of health and ample opportunities for the spreading of the Gospel of Christ.

**E**ngagements:

## **BRAKPAN CONGREGATION:**

We are at the point in our study of the book of Amos where God decided to let it be known that they had reached the end of their time of obstinacy, they had to: "prepare to meet their God"

Could it have been a case of Israel not seeing the period in which God wanted to attract their attention through the many incidents of disaster He allowed them to experience as indeed a reprimand from God before it was too late, but rather just as another natural disaster – something that happened to all other nations but which had no connection to God's attempts at correction?

We can and also do make the same mistake from time to time counting the long suffering of God as a failure on His part to fulfil His promises of retribution [2 Peter 3:9] Do we imagine that our preparation to meet our God one day would be any easier than theirs? Let us consider how many opportunities we've had and not become complacent during this period of God's grace.

## **KWA-THEMA SPRINGS CONGREGATION:**

In addition to our study of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, we have also undertaken to study the subject of Mormonism as there are a couple of Mormon "elders" who have visited one of the members of the Kwa-Thema congregation. They agreed to meet with us Thursday two weeks ago but there was a bit of a misunderstanding when I arrived for the meeting, they were not ready. Hopefully they will be ready this coming Thursday morning and I am looking forward to an interesting study with them. It amazes me all the time how so many people could be swept along by such obvious systems of errors as Mormonism.

## **BRIXTON CONGREGATION:**

We are nearing the end of our overview of the book of Revelation. It has been hard sometimes for those present to take their attention away from the finer details of the book and concentrate solely on a bird's eye view of the book but they seemed to have managed quite well so far. Next Wednesday will be the final round of this particular format and I hope this will have given all the motivation to take up a study of the book in greater depth.

I will be resuming our study of the Holy Spirit this coming month having handed the period over to one of the young men to continue with his study on the Abundant Life series. I have always believed that it is not so much the sowing of the seed that is so difficult but the removing of the weeds, and it has been shown to be true in regards to the study of the Holy Spirit

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that it is more difficult to rid people of erroneous teaching concerning this topic than it is to simply show them what the Scriptures teach. We will all take a deep breath and plunge right in again to gain a clearer understanding of this topic

### **MIDWEEK CLASSES:**

My list of engagements was as follows:

Tuesday	Morning	10h00 to 12h00	Ladies class
Wednesday	Evening	19h00 to 20h00	Brixton midweek class – Revelation
Thursday	Morning	10h00 to 12h00	Kwa-Thema class – book of 1 Corinthians
Sunday	Morning	09h00 to 10h00	The Abundant Life – (presented by E. Chetty)
Sunday	Morning	10h00 to 11h00	Brixton congregation – Main service
Sunday	Evening	17h00 to 18h00	Linmeyer / Brakpan evening service

### **OTHER EVENTS:**

Sylvia and I travelled to Rustenburg congregation again for the Gospel meeting they scheduled for me to preach at.

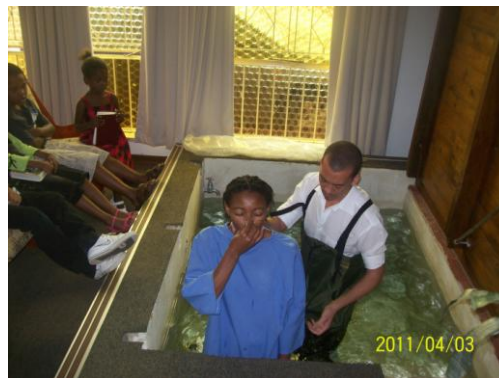
I chose as my theme: "The restoration of the exiles from Babylonian captivity" (March 25<sup>th</sup> to March 27<sup>th</sup>)

Friday evening	19h00 to 20h00	Restoring the exiles to repossess the land
Saturday evening	18h00 to 19h00	Restoring the exiles to rebuild the temple
Sunday morning (class)	09h00 to 10h00	Faithful service while in captivity (Daniel 1)
Sunday morning (service)	10h00 to 11h00	Restoring the exiles to ensure the Messiah

The brethren said they were edified by the lessons and encouraged with new resolve to labour in the Kingdom of our God.

### **REBIRTHS:**

While Sylvia and I were at the Gospel meeting in Rustenburg two of the four sister with whom two of the young men and I had studies were baptised. Our youngest son PJ baptised Tshepiso and Lebohang Makhetha on Sunday



March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Unfortunately I don't have the their baptisms but on Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 PJ elder of the four sisters, Boitumelo Makhetha. The youngest of the four sisters is not baptised as yet, Tathu is 14 years of age and they all live with their grandmother, since both their parents passed away some time ago. There was much rejoicing both in their family and in the congregation.

### **PJ BAPTISING BOITUMELO**

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Brethren please remember these young Christians in your prayers

Greetings to the church of Christ in your area

Your servants in Christ

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