

# REPORT: ALAN & SYLVIA FOX

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**D**ear brethren,

When it snows on our mountains we in Gauteng get the icy winds and the temperatures plummet a couple of degrees overnight. Today is officially the last day of Autumn (Fall) but it feels as though winter is already in full swing. Our garden looks rather drab at the moment but Sylvia tries to keep it in shape.

Sylvia and I are blessed to be enjoying such good health at the moment and our prayer to God is that you will enjoy the same blessings not only as far as your physical health is concern but more importantly the health of your soul.

**E**ngagements:

## **BRAKPAN CONGREGATION:**

We have finalized the book of Amos on a high note and a short verbal test and it seems as though some excellent lessons have been gleaned from our study of this "minor prophet" The brethren at this congregation decided to give me a break and let one of the men of the congregation take the next series of lessons for the mid-week study. I will resume as soon as they have completed the present assignment.

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

Since deciding to move our mid-week studies to a Saturday afternoon slot we have not had a chance to get together but we are working at getting everyone's agreement so that most of the congregation could benefit from the studies presented. There may be some who would rather not have it on a Saturday afternoon, because that would rob them of a reason to excuse themselves from attending but I am hoping that it will soon turn out to be a very profitable study from which few would want to stay away

## **BRIXTON CONGREGATION:**

PJ's lessons on the subject of angels have come to an end and I have resumed the mid-week study with lessons designed to bolster of relationship with Jesus. Last week was my first study session and I dealt with the topic of "commitment" and how it impacts on my sense of responsibility as a Christian. A lack of commitment to Christ and His cause shows a lack of love for Him and a lack of appreciation for what He acquired for us through His sacrifice as well as not esteeming our ultimate goal (heaven) as very valuable.

Our Sunday morning study deals 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 – Revelation
Thursday	Evening	18h30 to 19h30	Know Your Bible – Clarrisa Hopley
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	Linmeyr / Brakpan evening service

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## OTHER EVENTS:

We finally had our long planned Gospel meeting. The feedback I received was truly amazing and it had a lot to do with the speakers and the enthusiasm with which they presented their lessons, as well as the theme and individual topics presented.

The theme was: "In defence of the Christian faith" and we had four speakers over two days.

PJ Fox started on Saturday afternoon with the topic: "Can you trust the Bible?"

Neil Hadfield then followed with the topic: "Creation versus evolution"

Eugene Chetty started with the Sunday morning topic: "Did dinosaurs really exist?"

And I finished off the series with the topic: "Was Jesus raised from the dead?"

We had a good attendance from some visitors as well as brethren from other congregations and the comments afterwards were encouraging. We decided to do a follow-up series soon.

## REBIRTHS:

Samukelo Ndlovu is a young man in his mid twenties and married to a lady who is a Christian and a member at Brixton congregation. We had a couple of studies before they were married and afterwards I gave him the six lesson course "Know-Your-Bible" He soon finished it but did not immediately come back to me to discuss what he had learned or any questions that he might have had. A couple of weeks thereafter I asked his wife if things are still ok and if he wanted to study anything else and she said that she gave him my telephone number and that he would call me soon. On Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> he contacted me and asked if he could come and see me. After we had a good chat he asked when he could be baptized for the remission of his sins. I told him that the decision was entirely up to him and that I am ready when he has made up his mind to be united with Christ in His death through baptism. He decided to be immersed right there and then and our son Desmond and I took him to the church building and immersed him into Christ. We all rejoice at this young man's courage to take such an important step towards salvation and pray that his commitment to Christ will remain every fervent. Please remember Samukelo in your prayers.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all

Greetings to the church of the firstborn ones

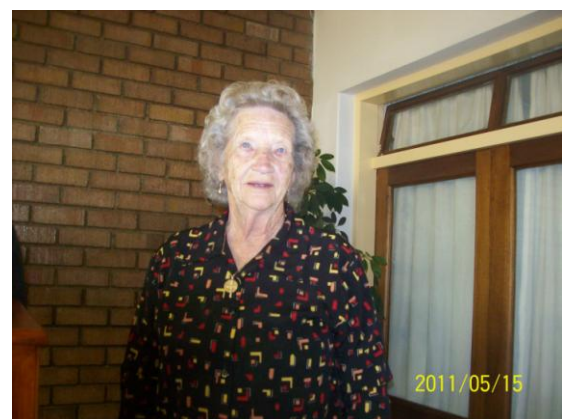
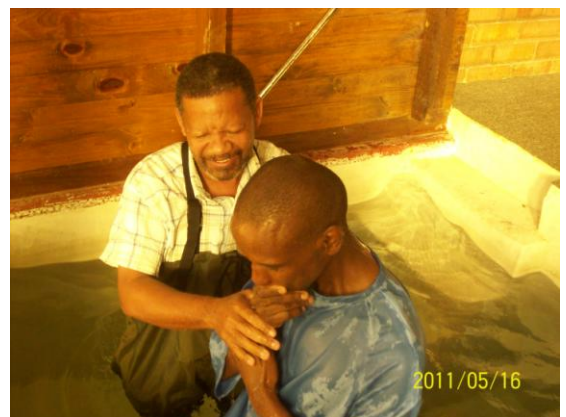
Your servants in Christ

*Alan & Sylvia Fox*



**Neil's lesson: "Creation vs. evolution"**

**Samukelo Ndlovu baptized May 16th**



**Thelma Walker – baptized April 24th**