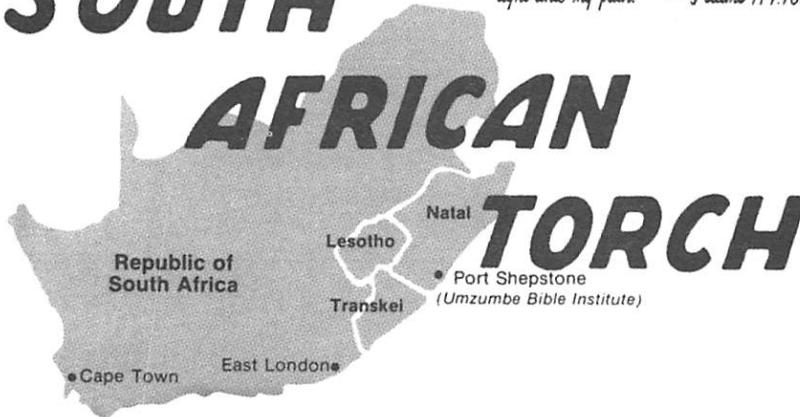


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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." -- Psalms 119:105



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Marriage Seminar by Caryl Stanley

Israel Mfeka, minister in Hammarsdale, organized a marriage seminar for couples. He invited three ministers from KwaZulu Natal to speak and he asked if we would also participate. We said we would show a movie on family relationships. Since we were supposed to be on the program last - in the late afternoon - we arrived at the high school where the seminar was to be held about 2 hours after the announced starting time. We found that only two couples had arrived and none of the speakers had come. More couples arrived a little bit after us. After some discussion with Brother Mabandla, we decided

to go ahead with the movie right away. In the afternoon a lady from the community, who is a minister's wife, spoke on marriage, but none of the ministers who had been invited came. The movie was very well-received and the couples have asked to get together again. They felt it was a valuable experience and commented on what was missed by those who didn't come.

Family and marriage problems are rife in South Africa, as they are in the whole world, but we were encouraged by this effort and pray that it will have an impact on the church.



Caryl spoke briefly to explain what the movie was about. We weren't sure how well the audience understood English but they were enthusiastic in their comments on the movie.



Israel Mfeka (2nd from the right) organized the Marriage Seminar. For a while we were wondering if the seminar would take place but the hall was beautifully decorated and eventually the people arrived. The meal that was served was excellent.

Evangelistic Outreach to Aliwal North by Michael Stanley

Clifford Dyonase was appointed as director of evangelism in 2014. He has built enthusiastically upon the work done by the previous director (John Mpompo). The result has been heightened interest in evangelism throughout South Africa.

Bro Dyonase has visited the various regions of South Africa to inform and help choose local leaders. At the same time he planned an evangelistic outreach for the Eastern Cape. We had been asking what equipment we should buy to help in this outreach. For some time the need for a PA system had been discussed. Since we didn't have a professional to turn to, our task was a difficult one. After discussing the matter with various "sound men" we decided on a system. As treasurer I bought the system and then agreed to take it to Aliwal North. For me this was a long journey (more than 400 miles each way).

Things got off to a slow start on Friday, but I was

encouraged by the large group of church members that arrived to support the outreach. Services were held on Friday night and Saturday afternoon. There was limited attendance from the local community, but hopefully this has opened the door to future meetings in the area. On Saturday afternoon the church members from the Eastern Cape marched through the township singing and proclaiming a simple message to any who would listen.

The outreach concluded with a service and the Lord's Supper on Sunday morning. Most of the people left immediately after the church service. I stayed overnight and returned home on Monday as I did not want to drive after dark. I hope that we can identify communities in each of the provinces that we could target for evangelism. Since many people consider South Africa to be a "Christian" nation, identifying suitable communities is not without its challenges.



Michael with Clifford Dyonase (L.) and Philip Booi. Clifford organized the outreach to Aliwal North.



Church women and a few men from the Eastern Cape marched through the township singing and preaching to any who would listen.

All-Africa Missionary Retreat by Caryl Stanley

Last year we received an email to say the All-Africa Missionary Retreat would be held in Cape Town this year. Michael had attended a previous retreat in the 1980's in Zimbabwe, but I had never attended one. These retreats are held in countries throughout Africa. There have been two in South Africa during our time here, but we have been in the United States both times. We decided we would go this year.

We traveled by mini-bus from our home to the airport in Durban (a 2 hour journey) and then flew to Cape Town (also a 2 hour journey). We stayed in the hotel where the retreat was held. We had a beautiful room and walked across a walkway to the conference center for the retreat.

A team from Little Rock Arkansas led the worship

time which was wonderful! They also had people who cared for the children. The speaker was Monte Cox from



Caryl looks out over the Atlantic Ocean at Cape Point. South of Cape Point is just an unending expanse of water. Not all that far to the east of Cape Point is the divide where the ocean changes to the Indian Ocean.

Harding University. He challenged and encouraged us.

After the delicious noon meals we went on outings each afternoon. We had a bus tour of the city of Cape Town, a visit to the Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens and

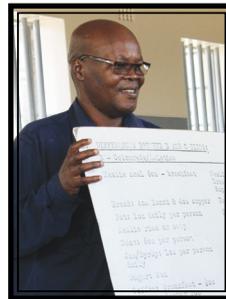


One of the points of interest was Signal Hill overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. (The ocean we see from our house is the Indian Ocean.) Like everyone else we were bundled up against the cold wind which seems to blow most of the time in Cape Town.

a visit to a penguin colony, the Cape Point (the tip of the peninsula) and a meal at a nice restaurant.

When the Retreat ended Michael and I stayed on one extra day so we could go on a tour of Robben Island, which is where Nelson Mandela and others were imprisoned. We went on a boat from the mainland to the island and it was very interesting.

We traveled home again by airplane and minibus. The next Retreat will be in two years time and will be hosted by the missionaries from Dar Es Salaam.



Our tour guide on Robben Island, like Nelson Mandela, was a former inmate in the maximum security prison. He explained the deprivations the political prisoners were subjected to.

Family News by Caryl Stanley

Michael saw his heart specialist on the May 23 for an annual checkup. After the stress test he saw the doctor who said Michael needed to go to the hospital for an angiogram. Michael said he had meetings coming up in mid-June and late June. The doctor said he must have the angiogram before that so he scheduled it for June 8. Fortunately, the report was very good. The by-pass grafts are all open and functioning and there was no need for any further treatment! Praise the Lord!

Not much news to share from Sean and Dina's family. Rebecca had her matric farewell (like prom) recently. She invited a friend from pre-school days from Empangeni to accompany her. Her friends from National Sea Rescue took them to the venue in an NSRI double cab pickup. Erin is in Grade R (kindergarten) and she loves it. She was in the school sport day recently and enjoyed participating in the races.



Erin tackled the sack race with vigor. She is not discouraged by a challenge.

Diane and John are doing well. John is really enjoying farming. He has to start very early in the morning, but he also finishes by mid-afternoon so he has more time with Diane and Matthew than he did when he

was in the motor industry. Their Jolly Fresh business is doing well. Matthew is loving pre-school.

Dawn is looking forward to a school holiday at the end of June. She said this has been the longest school term she has had since she started teaching. The sad news is that JP's mom lost her battle with cancer on the 3rd of June. She was only 58 years old. Chayah and Seanna had sport days at their schools recently. Chayah participated in a relay and her team came first and she was chosen to stand on the podium when the results were announced. Dawn's comment on Seanna's sport day was that she had a fun time, but she isn't an athlete!



When her team won the relay race Chayah got to stand on the podium. That was a proud moment for her and us.



Seanna participated enthusiastically in her sports day, but didn't take home any awards

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Magog Senior Citizens' Club

After our flight to Cape Town we shared some of the experiences we had with the members of the club. Two of our members have children in Cape Town so they had been on airplanes before. However, most of them have never seen an airplane closer than in the air!

One day when we were in Margate, which is about 20 miles from our home, we stopped by the Margate Airport. It is a small airport but it does get daily flights from Johannesburg. Michael asked the manager if we could bring the Magog Senior Citizens' Club to see the airport. She said that they do host children from rural schools so they could provide a similar experience for us. One of the members organized a minibus to transport them to the airport on May 11.

We started at the fire station at the airport where the firemen explained all of their responsibilities at this small airport. They demonstrated the fire engine and showed us their fire suits. We were fascinated by it all!

The highlight was that we watched the airplane arrive from Johannesburg. After all the passengers disembarked, the fireman took us to the airplane and everyone got to go onboard and sit in the seats. They loved it! We finished off with a picnic lunch and then coffee in the departures lounge. We took several pictures and have been busy printing copies for them to take home.



To be close enough to touch an airplane, and then to actually go on board was an exciting adventure for the Magog seniors. On the trip home they talked excitedly about future outings that they could take.