

In the tracks of a missionary - Chapter 3

The Molinar Mission continues down the crooked, dusty tracks which the Lord has made smooth, straight & firm, so that we may swerve neither left nor right (Prov. 4:26-27). A wise 'ole friend once commented . . . *if y'all don't know where you're going, you'll never get there.*

These are our continuing tracks:



Recent months have led us into various groups & dispersed Bible College classrooms, all with Christian Students desiring to learn. Tom uses a *Questionnaire* to guide the classes and stimulate the student's thinking. What we have learned is that there is a stark difference between being wrong *versus* knowingly rejecting the truth. Being wrong is ok, *if* one is humble enough to accept the truth when shown. But to reject the truth, it first has to be taught. To these young Christians, their knowledge of scripture is limited. At one of our recent classes, Tom spent 4 hours (*non-stop*) answering the very questions that he asked of the students! Picture if you will: 20 full grown Zulu men and women sitting in miniaturized pre-school chairs and benches with tiny little tables and small chalkboards in a crèche classroom; Dr Sokhela (Pastor in charge) sitting in a slightly larger chair in the back. They didn't even want to pause for a break; too excited to learn more! (No photo was taken.) The picture below, however, is in a more dignified setting with radio announcers and broadcasters whom Tom also taught.

Questionnaire: Sample Questions:

- ✓ If you believe in Jesus Christ, but were never baptised with water, are you still saved? (60% said No)
- ✓ Can a believer in Jesus Christ commit a sin that would cause a loss of salvation? (90% said Yes)
- ✓ Can a believer in Jesus Christ lose his/her salvation? (90% said Yes)
- ✓ If a believer in Jesus Christ commits a sin and dies without confessing that sin, will he/she still go to Heaven? (70% said No)



Prayer Request: That these men and women become the good soil of whom Christ spoke of in His Parable of Luke 4:20, as they hear the Word and accept it; that they produce a crop – thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown.

Still, there is yet another track on which the Lord is leading: Nearly everyone here in South Africa has a cellphone: Gardeners, domestic workers, civil servants and even the unemployed, for this is their main means of communication. Through their cell phones they listen to local community radio stations, many of which are Christian oriented, and whose messages and music can be listened to freely. These radio stations reach into the deepest, farthest, most populated villages in KwaZulu-Natal and to other parts of Africa.



One of the largest international Christian radio broadcasting networks in the world, *Transworld Radio* (TWR - pictured) moved its South African headquarters into the Valley of a Thousand Hills (close to where we live). The National Director and Management were positive to broadcasting specially prepared programs from Evangelist & Missionary Rick Hughes, from Cropwell, Alabama, to South Africa! *Imagine that!*

But that's not all! At a *Missionary Forum*, which we are now coordinating, Tom was approached and asked if he could be hired to teach and train the staff & management of the *Good News Community Radio Station* (GNCR). His response was that he was “*not for hire*,” but would gladly train and equip their personnel in principles of Christian Professionalism, the Gospel and God’s Word. This training has been ongoing through March, April & May, and they have recently indicated



they would like for us to continue, as long as the desire was there to learn more. We had invited the students from the grade school they have on GNCR’s premises, to attend. The youths who



Michele Coetzee, GNCR Station Manager and Tom

enthusiastic participants during the Q&A sessions and ‘Scenario Training,’ and have been present at all our classes. They sought our autographs, and much to Cheryl’s chagrin (!!!), they now refer to us as *Auntie Cheryl & Uncle Tom!*



There’s still more.... At a recent dedication ceremony for the TWR offices we were introduced to the Station Manager of another Radio Station; and at a Christian “breakfast” meeting, we met the Technical Director of a Commercial radio station.

Prayer Request: *That the radio ministry would open up so as to broadcast Rick Hughes’ programs of Truth, to accomplish the purpose as expressed by Isaiah in 55:10 . . . much as do rain and snow when they come down from Heaven; they do not return without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater.*

Some of you may remember in our previous updates, our high regard for Walter and Helga Burtsche, missionaries from Germany. In April 2013,



they departed South Africa after 23 years, returning to Germany. They will be sorely missed. Walter & Helga became our dear friends and like-minded in many ways. It was through their ministry and encouragement that the Lord opened many doors for us, and continues to open doors as their mission work carries on through others who remain and are faithful to God’s Word and His Service. We continue to pray for them, and ask that you include Walter and Helga in your prayers as they return to their homeland to follow the tracks the Lord has laid out before them.



We may be oceans away, but we do keep up with all that transpires in our own Homeland, the USA. We take encouragement and comfort in the fact that through it all, we know that . . . *All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of the Lord stands forever (1Pet. 1:24-25).*

We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God (1Pet.2:9)

Semper Fidelis,

Tom & Cheryl