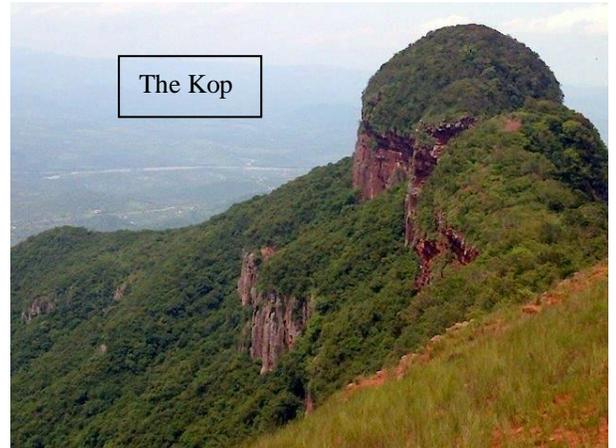


In the tracks of a missionary - Chapter 5

In the previous Update, Chapter 4, we informed you of “self appointed pastors” in remote rural areas and asked your prayers to open doors so as to teach and train these young men. Many of you also prayed for the ministerial students with Pastor Johannes Ncube, so as to receive sound doctrinal teaching. And, as always, many of you prayed that we continue to be “. . . shrewd as snakes and innocent as doves . . .” (Mt. 10:16).

Well . . . your prayers, our prayers and God’s Plan led us out of the city and into a most rural, isolated village farmland in the middle of Zululand. While we didn’t plan for this move, our ministry called for us to be highly mobile, flexible and totally oriented to God’s Plan. In other words, not encumbered by anything (Heb 12:1-2)! Early in November, we relocated to a place called Kranskop (Afrikaans for “Cliff Top”). In Zulu folklore, it is a place where Zulus went to hide from the feared cannibals, into caves in the face of the cliffs!



While legend may have it that many escaped the heathen cannibals, many others were exposed to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. This area became the center of the largest Christian revival in South Africa. During the years of Apartheid and from the mid-60’s, many Africans



came to believe in Christ. Today, in this area, there is still a strong missionary presence, with numerous Christian schools and a university preparing young people for Christian service. It is at this university where Tom has been requested to teach at their opening session in January, on Christian Professionalism. In December, we were invited to attend a Christian Youth Conference at which 5,000 young people attended. The conference is held twice each year.



We ask for your specific prayers at this time, especially to remain focused on the essential issues of the Gospel & God's Word and not on non-essential matters. There are many who still struggle with cultural and tribal differences to the Word of God. Pray that they will come to know the True Grace of God.



Tom speaking with an American-Zulu mother and her two children enrolled in the school



Feeding of the 5,000 from 4,000 litre cooking vats



Workers & staff preparing meals to feed the 5,000 at the Youth Conference, Dec 7-14, 2013

Each passing day, God's Plan becomes clearer and more exciting. We could not have planned this, figured it out, or worked out the details in our lifetime! Yet, God the Holy Spirit has led us in ways whereby only God would receive the Glory. The Gospel of Salvation through Faith in Jesus Christ is our primary mission; teaching the Truth of God's Word is our main commission. That's why we're here, and that's what we'll do, with His Grace and His Power.

We ask for your prayers that we will see clearly the direction and open doors in this new location, and that God the Holy Spirit will prepare the hearts and minds of the workers, students, staff and other missionaries to the True Gospel and Truth of God's Word. And that we will have the perception, the humility, the wisdom, grace and doctrinal orientation (Greek - aisthesis) to communicate and interact with this remnant of believers in South Africa.

We would like to wish you all *A Very Special Christmas*; of remembrance, of joy, of love and the **True Peace** that passes understanding: The Peace and Contentment that come through faith in Christ and growing in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ.



Closest Neighbours!



Zulu Haircut!!!



Tom with S Korean Students



Cheryl with Primary kids