

In the tracks of a missionary - Chapter 6

Life is never dull as a missionary on a foreign field! In fact, it is rather fascinating. As most of you will know, we have moved out of the big cities and into rural farmlands, into the heart of Zululand.

No shopping malls, traffic jams, “robots” (traffic lights), cinemas, theatres or fancy restaurants; but plenty of fresh air, brilliant night skies, farmers (who gift us with fresh produce!) farm animals, scattered villages and abounding opportunities. Nothing like being in the right place at the right time, in God’s Plan! In our Missionary Report for the Annual Meeting of Berachah



Church, we stated that if we “survived” this *trans-location*, we would let you know. Well, we’ve not only “survived” but are thriving in fertile fields of sowing and harvesting! Your prayers have sustained us throughout the crooked and dusty roads as we continue to run the race. But there is still more - much, much more in the unploughed fields that lie ahead.



Also mentioned in our previous update, was a very large Mission Station close to where we live, called, *KwaSizabantu* (KSB); (“the place of help for people.”) We included photos of the students from their *Cedar College* and their primary/high school, *Domino Servite* and have enjoyed productive meetings with the faculty and staff. They gave Tom the opportunity to teach their college students during a week when most of the faculty were away. Of course,



the very principles and practical spiritual solutions to the Christian life were taught in lectures and scenarios. The Gospel was foremost in everything taught. The principles of God’s Grace and Eternal Security are woven into every aspect of the lessons. Feedback we received was extremely positive from both students and faculty;



and we can only thank God for this open door to present His Truths. Recently, we organised a one-day Christian Workshop with a group of KSB students at our “farm house” during their school break. After three full hours of teaching, they satiated their hunger with an American BBQ, followed up by a game of American baseball; Tom is still recovering! As per faculty’s request, this first event was for young men only, and we are hoping to have another one for the young ladies.

The Mission Station is quite amazing, not just because it is the largest in Africa, and perhaps the world, but being totally self-sufficient. They never request donations or payment from anyone or any organisation. In fact, their policy is total grace. They accommodate and feed over 1,200 people every day, totally gratis. They accept guests for up to 3 weeks, totally gratis; and will even put them up in a Guest Lodge, built for visitors. Their senior staff



and management receive no pay, as these folk are supported by their own churches from all parts of the world. But the labourers and workers on the Mission receive full compensation for their work. The 1,000 acre Mission Station has developed a number of hugely successful farming projects, the produce of which are distributed throughout the country. But their primary harvest is the human soul and faith in Christ. “Other” personal benefits that we Molinaris have garnered from this Mission Station, is to have access to the best butchery & bakery in all of South Africa: Butchers from Belgium & Russia, and bakers from Germany & Holland. The fellowship we have also gained from their friendship has been a welcomed soul-refreshment.



Some of you have enquired about the work of missionaries and have requested to visit. KSB is truly an amazing example of taking and using the natural resources that God has given us and multiplied those benefits, to glorify His Name. Those of you who may wish to know more of how this particular mission station works may wish to look up KSB on their website: www.ksb.org.za. The “Cedar College” website is: www.cedar.co.za. Here, students are being prepared as teachers and missionaries. Cedar College’s motto is: *“Sanctus Deo - Similar to the words of Zechariah 14:20, it is our constant daily desire that every person and everything at Cedar College will be Sanctus Deo - Holy To the Lord.”*

Being a missionary is not a 9-5 job, staring at four walls and an over-worked clock in a tired office. There are no “standard operating procedures” to follow, or “shoes of a fisherman” to fill. Jesus Christ said we would be led to places we would not even want to go (John 21:18b). Prison? Gimme a break! A Correctional facility in the town in which we live, with 130 inmates, was open to Tom teaching the staff and inmates. Presently, the 8-page Questionnaire sent to the Prison Chaplain awaits approval.



We would appreciate your prayers to breakdown the bureaucratic iron doors and open the cells of positive volition.

Once again, we find ourselves working with SA Police; but this time with active forces, and not training cadets. Through local farmers, we were introduced to a career Warrant Officer and Police Captain who provide anti-drug training to many of the rural Zulu high schools. Both officers are Christians and have asked Tom to accompany them to give the young people the only real solution to change their lives – The Gospel!



Through it all, we have learned the need for flexibility and application of God’s Greater Love, where there are so many diverse cultures and beliefs as to what constitutes the Christian life. The Greater Love of 1Cor.13 and Paul’s teaching in 1Cor.8, become paramount in our interaction with so many entrenched, wide-ranging beliefs. There is far more to the mission field than, “trying to put clothes on the natives.” It becomes a matter of *knowing* how to do right things in right ways, so that it is *God’s Grace*, that becomes real and meaningful in every aspect of the Christian Life: From salvation, to spirituality, to having the confidence of eternal security.

When wisdom enters your heart, then discretion will be given to you - Prov.2:10