



## Our Work for the Lord in Southern Africa -- February 2016

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Dear brethren at North Beach,

In the past, I have been sending out newsletters every 2<sup>nd</sup> month; however, at your request I am happy to send you a short report in between.

It has been a particularly busy month since Paddy and Sandi have been away for three weeks visiting their latest grandchild. I've been taking Paddy's Sunday evening Bible class at Westville as well as his Monday evening class at Unit 9 (which has been switched to Thursdays while he is away). I am still busy with the study on the Minor Prophets at Phoenix on Tuesday nights and the Titus class at Westville on Wednesday nights. The Saturday class was postponed until all the university students returned to Pietermaritzburg and should begin shortly.

Once a week I study with a security guard at the bank during his lunch break. We are working through the Know Your Bible correspondence course and answering his general questions. A man at the local petrol station who got to know me, has taken the first lesson of the course and says he would like a study when it can be arranged. (He only gets 30 minutes for lunch.) Scott Tope put me in contact with a third-year university student whose mother worships with Scott. We picked him up for worship once and he says he would like to have a study as soon as he gets his schedule sorted out. I have also had two studies with a Pentecostal man who manages the local hardware store. I gave him some things to consider he had not thought of before, and he invited me back this week.

There are quite a few young people attending institutions of higher learning in Durban who have a hard time getting to worship. The Westville congregation is trying to find a place to worship that is more easy to access by train or taxi, for the sake of these young people as well as those who want to visit, but this is proving difficult. Please pray that we will find something more suited to our goals to edify the brethren and reach out to the lost.

Other prayers needed:

Our brother Thumba was not in the 50% of participants in the experimental program who got the symptom-free chemo, and is having a rough time. But we trust that this chemo is the treatment that is best for him.

The drought in South Africa is better, although SA will have to import a lot of food this year. We heard on the radio yesterday that Zimbabwe is experiencing the worst drought in a quarter of a century and is seeking \$1.5 billion in foreign aid. Please continue to pray for rain so at least the people and animals will have water to drink.

We are so thankful for the encouragement we receive from individuals in the congregation and for your support which enables us to work here in Africa.

Your fellow-servant in Christ, Les Maydell