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Forgiveness in South Africa

We often speak of God's love and forgiveness, but sometimes it is so clearly demonstrated that it touches the very depths of one's heart. In our last newsletter in July we mentioned, Ashley, a young man from East London, South Africa who was murdered on the family dairy farm. Ashley was the eldest son of our close friends, Pat and Clive Collins. The local newspaper quoted that the Collins family is "one of the top families in East London." They have always been a very generous and loving family, and we many times have been the beneficiaries of their wonderful hospitality. When we arrived this time we knew that their hearts had been pierced by the terrible tragedy of their son's murder. We prayed that God would make us ointment for their bruised souls. We asked about the funeral and the response from the community. "We have a DVD of the funeral," Clive replied. "Would you like to see it?" "Yes, we would really like to see it," we responded. We were amazed that over eight hundred people attended. Some flew in from other countries to express their grief and love for Ashley, his wife and two small children, and to the Collins family, and to pay tribute to a young man that had left a legacy of the love of Jesus to the community. The pastor from the church where Ashley and his family had attended was in charge of the ceremony and several friends and family gave tributes. As the last speaker, it was Ashley's father, Clive, who spoke of what his son had meant to him as a father and spoke of the joy Ashley's life had been to him and his wife Pat. He spoke of his family as a Christian family that had always prayed and lived for God. But the statement that brought that reality of his faith to a resounding climax was when he said, "I forgive the man who murdered by son." Sigi and I were moved deeply by this confession. We can think of no greater evidence of a dedicated servant of God then to speak those words, "I forgive." Today there is a famine of fathers throughout the world whose lives portray the righteous standards laid down by Jesus Christ. What makes this story even more amazing is that one of the several men who were involved in the murder was the son of one of the maids who has worked for the Collins family for thirty-five years. What a painful burden this mother has had to bear, and in light of all that has been revealed by the investigation, the Collins family still employs this mother and has kept the relationship intact. We believe that this story is far from over. One scripture came to light as the family searched for answers to why God allowed such a tragedy. It is found in John 12:24, "Most

assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; if it dies, it produces much grain (fruit in KJV). We earnestly believe that out of this tragedy will come much fruit, not only in the immediate family, but on a far greater scale, to the community at large and to the body of Christ. What the Devil meant for evil, God is turning around for His glory and honor.

South Africa is in a state of change. The President of South Africa for the last nine years resigned just two days ago. There is a political struggle going on for power and control in the government. In times like this the Church must become a clear voice in the nation. Sigi's messages have challenged the Church to create an environment for God presence to come among us. We need God's glory to see clearly and to move in wisdom. Her prophetic insight is making an impact on leaders and individuals in the church body.

Fall Gathering – Canada – Oct 17-19, 2008

Come and join us for our annual Fall Gathering in Waterdown, Ontario, Canada. This year's conference will be hosted by Pastor Carsten & Rosalie Schwarm of "Lighthouse Church International", located only 40 minutes from Toronto. This is a wonderful opportunity to getaway and let God impact your life. It will be a life changing experience that will encourage and strengthen your faith. Sigi is a prophetic teacher who delivers her messages under a powerful anointing. She brings you to the edge of your seat!!! Everyone is welcome, however we regret that there will be no child care available, except for Sunday AM.

Schedule 2008

Oct 11 AM	USA, Dublin, GA	Men's Mtg. World Harvest Church with David	Pastors Farris & Tammy Cox	Tel 478 274 0088
Oct 11 AM	Dublin, GA	Women's Mtg. World Harvest Church with Sigi	Pastors Farris & Tammy Cox	Tel 478 274 0088
Oct 12, Sun AM	Dublin, GA	World Harvest Church	Pastors Farris & Tammy Cox	Tel 478 274 0088
Oct 17-19, Fri-Sun	CANADA, Waterdown, ONT	Lighthouse Church International www.gotlight.org	Pastor Carsten Schwarm	Tel 905 536 5483
Oct 26, Sun. 9Am & 10:30	USA, Downingtown, PA	Praise Fellowship Church www.praisefellowshipchurch.org	Pastor Rob Garrett	Tel 610 873 3400
November				
Nov 2-8 Nov 9 Nov 18-20	Virginia, MN Minneapolis MN Jacksonville FL	Harvest Praise Invasion	Pastors Katrina & Doug Hansen Pastor Calvin & Shirley Woods Contact Carla Dirito	Tel 218 290 2629 Tel 651 592 0254 Tel 904 285 3800
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