

Greetings from George, South Africa. As we look back over last year, we stand amazed to see how the Lord kept us, led us and directed us. Eph 2:10 “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” Mid-year we were reminded by the SC Mission’s team that we are created for more and wow the more is a reality.

Here is an overview of 2023—2024 and you can rejoice with us because ‘God is good all the time and all the time God is good.’

Philip and I concluded all our visits in the USA and it was super to touch base in California (San Clemente), Bluffton SC, Pittsburgh PA etc. At the church in San Clemente, we ran into a couple South Africans and they in turn visited with us over the Christmas and New Year season.



San Clemente couple who visited us!

Philip came “home” for Christmas but returned mid

January to continue his assignment that the Lord has given him.

Leaving 2023 –
Entering 2024
Early in November we embarked on our Community Market, organised by the most amazing team here at home. There was such sense of excitement



when the day arrived. From the Vegetable Market to the Wors Stall and everything in between. The Presence of the Lord and a sure sense of joy and anticipation filled the village.

Afterwards everyone, without a word of complaint cleaned up and prepared the Village

for LCA on Monday morning.

Parent Meetings, concerts and the Grade R graduation packed our days and proud parents attended to see their little ones move on to “big school”.



During the last week of school, one of our favourite organisations working with us, The Greater Tennis Academy, joined us for a day of activities, workshops and fun.

Thank you for partnering with us. What a joy they bring to our lives and the lives of our children.



Bless-A-Child events. It started with collecting gifts and cupcakes for the parties. Between Eden Church, Tekkie Town Employees, Glenwood School, a couple of personal supporters of LIFE, the precious people at Groenkloof Retirement Village in co-operation with all the retirement facilities in the area, enabled us to give every child a gift, a party and the ageless story of the Birth of Jesus – the greatest gift of all. The retirees made up more than 100 needed gifts for our children. Prayer works.



Eden Church gave 160 little ones an incredibly blessed day. They were at the

Strawberry Farm and participated in the activities, had a meal and then the gift.

Thank you to all involved. You Touched many little lives.



It was a privilege to see our first Grade 7's graduate and find a high school of their choice. What a blessing to spend the "farewell" with them at the Strawberry Farm. To see the young people enjoy being kids and yet they are teenagers now. We sowed and sent them with a blessing and impartation from the Lord upon their lives in new vistas where they can flourish.



Once we took care of all our children for the year, it was our turn to have a blessed end of the year with our staff. So many laughs, relaxing, enjoying one another and eating to hearts content. We went bowling as a staff and it was a JOY to see many participate in "ten

pin bowling" for the first time. Also spotted those who engaged in heavy competition!

Our homes were also blessed. One home went to Knysna for a week and the other home, visited friends and family. Some of the children went to Cape Town with one of our Board members to visit a friend of LIFE.

Jacobus Murray and his home group gave Home from Home 2 a Christmas party to remember. The children swam, ate and had fun to their hearts content. They all were blessed with gifts. Our home mom, Sheridan was involved in a dreadful accident. The Lord graciously gave us Ellen to fill the gap. She is currently our mother at HfH 2. The Lord added to the home by giving us a baby. His first night his new home, our little one slept through. We are praying that we will be able to take care of him and raise him in a Godly atmosphere.

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Amo and his bike-riders decided to have a fundraiser to help us and other organisations in George to raise funds to help fill the gap in our Budget-income. The bikers were met on arrival with our Choir singing under the leading of Denzel. Thank you Amo and Shofar for your diligence in supporting the bigger body of Christ as we labour in the vineyard of George.



Then like in a flash, Christmas was gone and 2024 is facing us. For some it seemed as though we just "rolled over" and continuing. Again, we started with a bang and the first activity was a day of Staff Team-building. After spending a couple hours chasing our teams around the Maze at the Strawberry Farm, we ALL got the prize and got all the stamps we needed on our cards to get a



badge. The staff enjoyed a time of sharing, caring, laughing, eating and having coffee. There was time for hanging out and for connecting.

Amazing news that Paul and Lou-Anne have been called by the Lord to get involved in LIFE. They are so supportive in their role. We are so thankful to our God for adding this amazing couple to our LIFE Family.

Welcome Paul and Lou-Anne we are getting ready for a fantastic journey and hopefully we can bless you and in that way "re-pay" you for your sacrifices. We

know they are sacrificing in this world but know that their reward in the Kingdom will be great.

Another blessing is that we received a loan of R230,000 (\$12,000) for a new bakkie (truck) that we so desperately need. We are now fundraising to “repay” the outstanding amount to the donor. If you feel the Lord lays it on your heart, please be in contact with us to assist us in this matter.

When LCA started for the new year, we welcomed the Grade 1’s on the first day before the rest of the school joined us. The Lord is moving mightily among the staff and children and we are blessed to have Godly Leadership in Principal Cindy, Deputy Principal Estelle, HOD Roxie and HOD Amanda. How we thank the Lord that “the joy of the Lord is their strength” and they carry that into the school.

Then it was time for Back to School (Pak ‘n Tas) with Eden Church. About 320 children received book bags, or stationary to help them return to school. The miracle for the day was that the Presence of the Lord was tangible as the beautiful young people, together with their Leader, Dreyer came to serve. The Word was brought by Wian, Barbara (Pastor’s wife) came with the young people and served in the kitchen. Worship was done by our team, led by Warradia. The programme consisted of Worship, Word, Games, Food, art and crafts then the BIG moment – backpacks and stationary. The team left an indelible footprint in the hearts of many staff and children.



We are running the race and not looking behind us. We are facing the challenges ahead with the knowledge that our Lord God reigns and He has and will carry us through this year and help us to fulfil the plan and purpose He has with every staff member and children in our ministry. The spiritual growth in some of the children is significant and we rejoice in that.

Continue to pray for us:

To be able to maintain the high standard of Education and ministry

To create a permanent foot-print for our school

To find a house in Borchersds. This is going to be a miracle

To support our staff and teachers by paying them a liveable wage

Have you ever wanted to sponsor a child to make a difference in a life? Join our

Heart for A Child Program

E-mail: heartfor-achild@lifecommunity.co.za

Or register on our website: www.lifecommunity.co.za

We have some incredible stories that we will post in the next newsletter of the relationships that are being established between the sponsor and the children. Please graciously let us know if you decide to stop your sponsorship so we can find another sponsor for your child.

Thank you for blessing us.

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