

Dear friends,

Children's ministry is both challenging and exciting and certainly requires a fair amount of energy. We have had an extremely busy time not only last year but also the 4 months of this year. During 2005 we shared Jesus with over 22000 children. So far this year we have had 16 shows and shared with over 3200 children. In addition we went on a Puppet tour with Linda and Didi from USA, Sam from Ireland and Anna from France. From Johannesburg to Durban, via Pietermaritzberg and Stanger we shared with over 12000 children in 39 shows. Evangelism is always the main theme and many, many boys and girls committed their life to the Lord in prayer.

In our context, in the Western Cape, we have already had the opportunity to do three training sessions. Attendance at these sessions was very good (125) and we were very encouraged to see an increasing interest in Children's Ministry. At present we are working with 'Tell the Children' in preparation for a Children's Ministry conference scheduled for 9 & 10 September 2006.

With the help of Linda Summer we were able to establish two Puppet teams one in Pietermaritzberg (with Jonathan Galant - Eastwood Baptist Church) and one in Johannesburg (Lisa Ekman). In addition there are three Teams in the Western Cape - Matroosfontein Baptist Church, Parow Baptist Church and Logos Church.

Please pray for the following:

* Lisa Ekman and a team are up in the Congo doing work in the prisons. Pray for their safety and for their message to touch the hearts of many of these prisoners. She told me that 53% of the prisoners die of malnutrition. They are only issued with one loaf of bread a week.

* Parow Baptist Church as they seek to reach out to the children in their neighbourhood. We are doing a show with them on the 2nd June 2006.

* Robertson training seminar on the 23rd and 24th May. We will be doing training with the Philadelphia Church and also visit a number of schools.

* This Sunday we are doing a show in Paarl - pray for the salvation of boys and girls.

* The week of 29th May we are doing 4 shows. Three of these shows will be with gr1 - gr3 children in a local NG Church.

* We are busy preparing to go to Greece on a Children's Ministry outreach during July and August 2006. Our equipment needs to be made as light as possible so that we can get the maximum number of puppets in a 20 kg suitcase. Please pray for many open doors where the Gospel can be proclaimed and for the many practical needs on a trip of this nature.

Thank you for your prayer support. We value this highly.

May God richly bless you,

James and Lynne Grant