

Agape children's Ministry Report - November 2006

We give thanks for your prayer support. We have appreciated the e-mails received in response to our report. Just this last week a lady approached Lynne in a shopping centre and said, "we are praying for the puppet ministry". That encouraged us.

We have spent four Saturday afternoons with a local Baptist church and helped with the training of a puppet team. This team consists of boy's +- 10 to 12 years old. Many come from broken homes and some even from very dysfunctional backgrounds. But, boy, are they keen to learn how to use puppets!!!!



Lynne made a basic sock puppet for each one and they added the hair and clothes.



The first song that they practised was 'this little light of mine'.



We were pleasantly surprised at the level of expertise shown by some of the team. Next year we will continue to help them and to work our way up to the larger sesame puppets. The leadership of this puppet team would like it to be used as an outreach to other children. Please pray for the boys.

Lynne and I spent two days at Bredasdorp, a farming community about two & half hours drive from Cape Town. On the Sunday afternoon we had a puppet show in a sheep-shearing barn.



There were farmers, labourers, visitors from the town and children, many children.



A group called AMOS led the singing and opened the meeting. AMOS work from farm to farm among the farm workers. The next morning we went to the local Primary school. Of the 500 children 25 made first time commitments to the Lord. We have been asked to come and do training in Children's Ministry in Bredasdorp. We were told that there was a big need for training. The Lord willing we will run a training workshop in the New Year.

On Sunday we spent the morning at a local church in the Durbanville area. As I led a prayer of commitment many children prayed and 5 indicated that this was a first time for them. This coming Friday we are going out with this church to a farming community where they work with a local school. We have been asked to do a puppet show. Please pray that many children will respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

Please pray for:

1. Three more shows that we will be doing this year.
2. Preparation for next year.
3. Training workshops scheduled for 2007:
 - Ravensmead Methodist Church
 - El Shaddai Community church
 - Bredasdorp
 - Carletonville Baptist Church
 - Mpumalanga
 - George 'Tell the Children' children ministry conference
 - Greece - followup training.
4. Pray for our safety as we travel.

Thank you for your prayers.

In HIS wonderful service,

James & Lynne Grant