

# *In the tracks of a missionary - Chapter 9*

***He Giveth more Grace!*** The incredible months of April through August 2015

A missionary's life is enriched by God's Greater Grace. God provides friends who are brothers and sisters in Christ and they provide refreshment, even as they themselves are refreshed. (James 4:6; Proverbs 11:25 &...

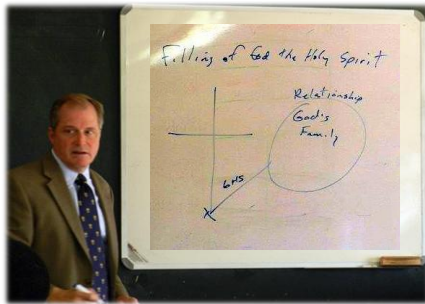
**Proverbs 18:24** ..... *but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.*

The Wilsons (Terry, Ruthanne, Maggie & Kate) from Dallas, Texas and Destinee Lerner from Rhode Island, were with us during this time. They were fully welcomed at KwaSizabantu (KSB), the mission station in which Tom now teaches at their Cedar College. Doors opened up, as only our Heavenly Father could open them for all of us.



## **Open Doors at Cedar College, KSB:**

Terry was tasked with teaching classes – every day of the week for four weeks solid! The Professor who teaches business at Cedar College, had to return home to France for an eye operation. Because of the College's Christian ethos, Terry was able to give Divine solutions and rationales, within a business context. The students came to be inculcated with understanding the top and bottom circles of the spiritual life, as it was presented to them at the beginning of each class. Terry is a natural! The students loved him! He even taught principles of Christian Leadership to the entire College. It was wonderful to see how Terry's classes "dovetailed" with Tom's classes, both emphasising Divine applications. The two "T's" made a great Tag Team. The students responded so well to Terry, they entreated the Director of the College for Terry to stay longer.



Terry also had the opportunity to speak to a couple hundred former and current drug addicts. Each time, he had a group of young men who stayed behind for almost an hour, querying him further on Divine solutions that could help them overcome their addiction. Their stories are heart rendering. Many had a terrible past but now have a promising future.



**R**uthanne, who has one of the most benevolent hearts, was a further encouragement to the young people at the mission, and amongst many with whom she came into contact. Undoubtedly, many were truly enriched by her compassion, astute understanding, and her practical, Biblical approach to Life. As for



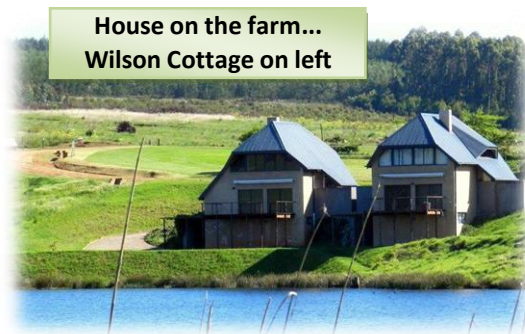
Maggie & Kate, their fun-loving character, their authority orientation, and their great capacity for life (even at their young age), were superb reflections of their parents.





Terry & Ruthanne have ensured that both these young souls, from a tender age, are continuously and daily grounded in God's Word!

On reflection, one of our most endearing memories will be looking across the farm and seeing smoke rising from the chimney of the Wilson's cottage at around 05:30 or 06:00, knowing that our morning bible class was about to commence.



House on the farm...  
Wilson Cottage on left

### **Open Doors for Destinee:**



Destinee Lerner, after having spent a year in Jerusalem on her Master's degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Biblical Archaeology, also arrived during this time. And what a welcome she too received at KSB, especially when they found out she was Jewish! She was given ample opportunities to share her experiences at the College and the Primary school. We were so proud of Destinee! Her

poise, organisational skills, and professional presentations, were truly excellent; whether speaking on Archaeology, sharing her personal experiences, or even giving a talk on "Evolution vs. Creation" – a task specifically requested by one of the Professors. Although hesitant, since it was not her area of expertise, God used her to communicate His Truth.



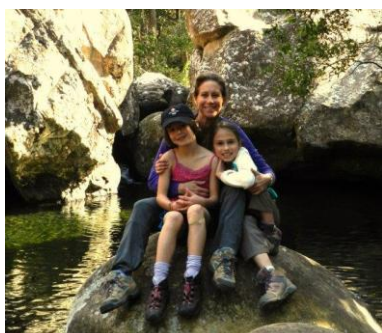
Destinee ... "stirring the pot" that would feed the thousands.



On reflection, a memorable moment for all of us, will be the traditional Christian *Shabbat* dinner which Destinee prepared for us one Friday evening, with the help of Maggie & Kate, her young "Sous Chefs."

In addition to these tremendous speaking and teaching opportunities, we managed to "squeeze in" Big Five African Safaris; bullet-riddled battlefields; breathtaking hikes in the Drakensberg (*Dragons' Berg*); and enjoyed sunburnt beaches and aquamarine oceans along KwaZulu-

Natal's (KZN) spectacular coasts! *Always*, the times of spiritual feasting, were indescribable!! This has been the most extraordinary, most memorable time our Father has given us in all these years out here in South Africa.



It was our Father's Special Gift to us!

We give Him all the Glory!!



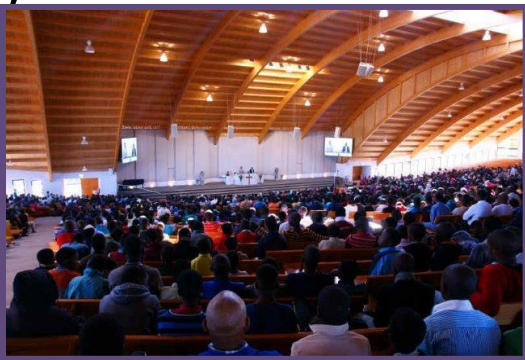
Terry's Leadership classes



The Tag-Team of the Two T's  
Church service on safari!



## Youth Conference:



Then there was the Youth Conference, which was attended by approximately 7,000 youth. These conferences are held twice a year, for an entire week. The youth are housed, fed three meals a day, and attend three sessions of teaching from the Word of God each day of the conference, where the Gospel is presented. What has amazed us more is the fact that Zulus and even many whites, who generally attend “emotion-loving” services, will sit through two and three hours of orderly, respectful, totally non-emotional services. The attendees receive far more of the Word of God than is being taught anywhere else in Africa!

As always, God's Word guides us every step of the way. It should come as no surprise that what we need God always provides. Because of our church back home, we never lack for Truth from His Word, taught and brought to us consistently, whether on the mission field or at home. His Word gives us every essential application when we face the variables of Life: Flexibility in the face of legalism without compromising standards; Patience where there are young believers eager to grow; Discernment instead of judgement when Truth is more critical; Unity instead of conflict with believers who are all serving God in various ways; and Application of His Greater Love in all relationships, all of which honour our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*John 15:12 “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” “Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing” 1 Thesalonians 5:11.*

Needless to say, your prayer support is critical and more than greatly appreciated. To those who journey with us, this road may have many bumps and ruts along the way, but the immense enjoyment and fulfilment recompensed, is indescribable! Truly!!

*2 Corinthians 1:3-4 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.*

Saying Goodbye: *“Let the wine of friendship never run dry”* (Les Miz)

