



Emmazing News

The Magazine of the KZN Emmaus Community

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Letter from our Community Lay Director: Nadine Wright.

It is with great joy that I write this newsletter; what a privilege to belong to the Emmaus family! Our Community has had a busy start to the year and by God's grace much has been achieved already. The Board is delighted to see a renewed enthusiasm within the community.

The teams for Walks 90 and 91 were filled easily with many applying to work. Both Walks have their full quota of Pilgrims and have waiting lists. There are a number of clergy who will be Pilgrims on these Walks which is also an answer to prayer as we need the support of more clergy to serve on future Walks.

Various areas within the community have hosted mini gatherings which have drawn folk in who have found difficulty travelling long distances to the larger gatherings. I encourage others to step out, chat to one of the Board members and we will do our best to support you as you organise a gathering in your area. A greater awareness of Emmaus is being created within churches. There are so many people with wonderful gifts and talents that need to be shared!

We are delighted with our new website and hope that you enjoy it too.

"Here I am Lord" is a book written to celebrate lives transformed by the Walk to Emmaus in Southern Africa 1990 - 2010. This gripping book was written to celebrate 20 years of the Emmaus movement in South Africa. It contains magnificent testimonies of God's goodness and love. They will be on sale for R70 at the gathering on 4 June.

We pray continually for God's wisdom and direction in all we do. May God bless you abundantly.

What a mighty God we serve!

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**Letter from our Community Spiritual Director:
James Adams.**

Dear Members of the Emmaus Community,

I greet you in the name of our risen Christ and pray that Easter has been blessed, refreshing, and that you were able to recommit in your walk with Christ.

As we reflect on the Easter events, think with me about the promise of Easter. Despite the gloom of Good Friday, we are never stuck on the Good Friday story, but we live with the promise that Sunday is coming. When we hear the news with great joy, "**He is not here, He has risen just as He had said.**" **The stone is rolled away!!**

There are, for me, three promises of Easter, each of them is signified by something EMPTY.

1. An EMPTY CROSS,
2. An EMPTY TOMB,
3. And EMPTY BURIAL CLOTHES.

The very fact that each of these is EMPTY assures us that God's promises are real.

They couldn't hold Jesus - He couldn't be contained by the cross, the tomb or even the burial clothes. Thus we can be sure of the fullness of God's promises in our lives!

The **EMPTY CROSS**. Because the cross was empty, we have the promise that our sins are forgiven.

The **EMPTY CROSS** holds the promise that you and I stand forgiven. For it is on that Cross that Jesus paid the penalty for our sins.

The **EMPTY TOMB** is the truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise to every one of us that we too are recipients of eternal life!

To those who live in a relationship with Jesus as Lord and Saviour, death and defeat has lost its sting - no longer to be feared.

What fear is there when we have the promise that one day we will live forever with Jesus in heaven? Why is the TOMB EMPTY? **Jesus is alive!** That is why! The angel said, "**HE IS RISEN!**"

Inside the tomb were **EMPTY BURIAL CLOTHES**. The promise to those who witnessed this site that they would once again have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, their living Savior!

We too can have the promises those first Easter Walkers discovered that day.

We too can have the freedom of forgiven sins.

We too can experience the promise of eternal life and we too can know Jesus as Savior and Lord.

From this we cannot be silent. We **HAVE** to share what Easter brought into our lives. I want to suggest we can do it in the following way: **OWNERSHIP**. Owning God's promises as being for each one of us personally and live the reality of those promises every day. **HOW?**

- (1) Be Sensitive to what God is doing among us. Be sensitive to the Work of the Holy Spirit. Be sensitive to each other, always ready to affirm and encourage!
- (2) Develop a new Vocabulary of Kind words. Less judgmental and critical and more supportive and encouraging. Realize that a kind word can go a long way in building community.
- (3) Pray: Ever the scripture encourages us: **Pray without ceasing**. Let us pray that our warm hearts will not grow cold.

May we all continue to live the attitude of Easter, knowing that **The STONE IS ROLLED away**.

De Colores

James Adams

Registrar:
Errol Jones.

It is with great joy that I welcome you, the Pilgrims of Walks 90 and 91 into the Kwa-Zulu Natal Emmaus Community, and trust that your 4th Days will be even more exciting than those that you experienced over the Walk weekends.

Pilgrims for future Walks are dependent on your role as Sponsors, and I encourage you to exercise this option you have and introduce others to experience the love and fellowship of a Walk to Emmaus.

All details about sponsorship and registration requirements can be found on the website.

I invite you to peruse these pages and be proactive for the benefit of a friend or family member.

Yours in Christ

Errol Jones
Registrar

Accountability, Gatherings and Sponsorship: Dave Buckingham.

Blessed greetings to the KZN Emmaus community as a whole and especially those of you who have just recently completed your walks.

I hope that you were truly Blessed over your weekend and were touched by the love of God through the Holy Spirit. You would have experienced God's abundant Love for us through your table members and the other people on your walk.

Gatherings/Reunions

Those of you who have just been on walks 90 & 91 will have a chance again on the 4th June 2011 to experience a taste of that same love as we meet at your reunion and Gathering for the rest of the community. You will have the chance to catch up with members of your table and the rest of your walk as well as share in wonderful fellowship with other members of the community as we Share in a lot of fun and fine food. This day is not only for you but we encourage you to bring your whole family along to share in this day.

Accountability

Once you have finished your walk you will ask yourself a number of questions.

What now? Where can I start? Who do I start with? You will probably be burning with passion and desire to go back and change the world, that's great but you will more than likely be very disappointed to find that everyone is not receptive to you, they are not on the same high as you, but that is ok, don't be disappointed, have a plan and work towards it. Don't give up, you need to keep that energy/fire burning. That is why it is very important to belong to an Accountability group.

An Accountability group is there to help us to stay focused on God and God's work and to keep us motivated. It is also a forum to discuss your 4th days and how you are doing God's work or what your ideas are. Other Members of the group might be able help you, likewise your enthusiasm might well lift others and inspire them to keep working at their relationship with God.

If you do not have an Accountability group to join, then speak to your sponsor. It is his responsibility to find a group that you are comfortable with. On the KZN Emmaus web

site www.kznemmaus.co.za you will find under Accountability a list of Accountability groups by area that you could get in-touch with. But speak to your sponsor first.

Sponsorship

Sponsorship is a very important part of the success of Emmaus going forward, as without people sponsoring new pilgrims, none of us would have had the chance to have this wonderful experience. If you have someone you would like to sponsor then firstly, please hold that person up in prayer. Thereafter speak to their minister and once you have done that, then approach them. The application forms are all on the web site as well as all the information/duties that are required of you as a sponsor.

God Bless all of you wonderful people and we look forward to seeing you at the Re-union/Gathering on the 4th June 2011 at Serepta Church in Gilletts. Directions are on the web site.

**Supplies:
Stefan Lucht.**

Greetings from the "Surprise" oops sorry "Supplies Co-ordinator".

When Jesus and his disciples went to have the "Feast of unleavened bread" (better known as "The Last Supper") [See, Matthew ch26 v17-, Mark ch14 v12- and Luke ch22 v7-] He sent two of his disciples to find and prepare the "Upper Room", now in preparation they obviously had to get what was needed for the feast to prepare it. Now this is where my portfolio comes in as Jesus sent his disciples to get the "Upper room" ready I need to get the supplies required for the walks and the training days leading up to the walks.

These sets of walks have been the first where I have been on my own "so to speak" in ordering and organising the required stock, with a few surprises thrown in. One of the challenges has been training and keeping the Support leaders up to date with any thing that may affect them (Oh yes I didn't mention this before but the training of those in charge of support is also one of my duties.).

A new and interesting book called "Here I am Lord" has been put together by the Africa Upper Room Ministries in celebration of 20 years of Emmaus in South Africa, I have a few copies left and hoping to receive more for those who are interested. The previously mentioned book as well as service and song books are available from me, also for those musicians among you the Guitar and Piano books are available from me. I will have all the odds and ends that are available for purchase available at the Gathering.

For any further queries please contact me.

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Be a ray of sunshine everywhere you go,
Shining for the saviour with a steady glow;
Bringing smiles to sad ones, wiping tears away,
Make your-self a blessing every passing day

Be a ray of sunshine everywhere you go,
Comfort bring to others, stoop to raise the low;
Kind words cost but little, smiles bring pleasures too,
They may lift a burden, let them not be few.

Be a ray of sunshine everywhere you go,
Cheerfulness is needed, this you can bestow;
Help to chase the shadows from this world away,
Bringing joy and gladness like a shining ray.

Be a ray of sunshine everywhere you go,
Stars will shine the brighter in your crown, I know;
Sunshine brought to others will reflect on you,
Heav'n will be sweeter, keep the end in view.



From "Be a ray of sunshine"
Anna B Russell and George C Steinhilber

KZN DRAK CHRYSALIS

Dear Fellow Pilgrim,

Welcome to the Emmaus community.

I trust you have experienced what most of us experience during our Walk to Emmaus - highs and lows, laughter and tears, fellowship with new friends and personal moments with God, been blown away by all the amazing agape love shown to you by strangers and, above all, spent a life changing few days enveloped by the presence of God.

You now have a really good idea of what Emmaus is all about so I want to take this opportunity to introduce you to Chrysalis - the young peoples' equivalent. The Chrysalis ministry is run according to the same set of rules over a three-day period. They also have 15 talks along very similar lines, given by young adults, adult adults and clergy.

Chrysalis reaches beyond national, racial and denominational boundaries to encompass the world. It empowers young adults to discover and develop their God-given gifts and to encounter God in an atmosphere of grace, prayer, unconditional love and selfless service. It provides a spiritual environment for ordinary Caterpillars to be transformed by God's grace into beautiful butterflies. There is no real ending to Chrysalis, it is not just a three-day experience, it is simply one step along a lifetime journey of faith.

This year the Flights are being held at The Wykeham Collegiate in Pietermaritzburg from the 8th - 10th July. The Flights are being combined in as much as both the girls' and the boys' Flights are being run concurrently at the same venue but using different facilities. It has proved to be so much more convenient for sponsors who come to support their Caterpillars from a long way away and who often sponsor both girls and boys.

As the Emmaus Community, the responsibility now lies firmly with us to ensure that the Flights benefit as many young folk as possible and that is where spiritual sponsorship comes in. If you know of young folk between the ages of 16 and 25 years of age, who are active church goers and who you feel would benefit themselves and by so doing, would benefit the church and the community in which they live, please prayerfully consider spiritually sponsoring them. If you don't know anyone but would like to become involved in transforming someone's life, consider financially sponsoring someone. There are heaps of young folk out there who would jump at the opportunity to take part on a Flight but who simply do not have the financial means to do so.

We have had to raise the fees this year but have managed to cap them at R400, due in the main to the fact that The Wykeham Collegiate have generously provided us with free accommodation for three years running. While we all complain about the cost increases and wonder whether or not we can afford it, I cannot help but feel that we cannot afford not to invest in our young folk in this beautiful, hurting old world of ours.

For future Flights, should you feel like getting involved we'd love you to consider working on team - either in conference, the Prayer Chapel or as a Support Servant. It is a privilege, a blessing and a very humbling experience to watch the Holy Spirit working in these young lives.

As with Emmaus, Caterpillars are prayed for by name from the moment they are registered. During the weekend they are covered in prayer twenty-four hours a day. Is it any wonder that the weekend experiences are always life changing and memorable?

We serve an **awesome** God !

If you have any queries about Chrysalis or sponsoring Caterpillars please feel free to contact me at any time on 072 080 4609 or at rkyle@iafrica.com . I will do my level best to answer them.

May your 4th days be blessed ones, may the friendships you forged during this four day period be strengthened over the years and may God remain as close to you as He has been during this Walk to Emmaus weekend.

God bless you and yours.

Fly with Christ

With love,

Di Kyle

**IT and Communications:
Tony Benschop.**

Thanks to Kevin Jennings and his team I have a host of new toys. A brand new e-mail system and a totally revamped web site to play with. I'm sure the community is well aware of the new e-mail system that has been keeping everyone abreast with our news and requests. It has been an absolute pleasure getting so much positive feedback from so many people. The only problem with the system is that we can only communicate with the people who keep us up to date with contact details. Unfortunately we are only communicating regularly with about 1100 people while we have a potential population of over 2500. So, if your e-mail address has changed or you know someone who's recently changed their address, please drop me a line at tben@telkomsa.net so that I can ensure that you receive regular updates on KZN Emmaus.

The web site - well that just has to be seen to be believed. Although the functionality of the system is much the same as it was with the old look, I am now able to update much of the content without having to hassle Kevin or his staff every time I need an update. I now have the ability to upload content and modify much of the text myself. It's been really exciting getting to know all the new tricks of the trade. A special word of thanks to Kevin for being so patient with a slow learner.

We're also now on Facebook! If you'd like to find us, search for "KZN Emmaus" or click on the Facebook link on our website "www.kznemmaus.co.za". I've managed to get copies of all except 11 of the group photos from all of KZN Emmaus' walks. Thanks must go to Liz Castleden who gave me all the photos from walks 1 to 60. If you find that you have one of the photos that are missing, please forward them to me at the above e-mail address.

We now eagerly anticipate the outcome of God's work in Walks 90 and 91 and entrust the pilgrims of those walks to Him.

*If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and power for ever and ever, Amen.
1 Peter 4:11.*

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Tony Benschop.

**Kairos Prison Ministry:
Robbie van der Merwe.**

I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU VISITED ME (a brief on the KAIROS Ministry in KZN by Rod Morgan)

Jonny Steinberg has written an award-winning book on prison life titled *The Number*. A poignant moment in the book occurs during an open-day function at Pollsmoor Prison in the late 1990's. The speaker tells of the fate of the prisoner on his/her release back into civilian life: "When you get out, that's it! Your record says you are a criminal. Nobody will give you a job. So you become a criminal [again] because that's all that's left to you. The system (prison life) is a factory for criminals. It makes [hardened] criminals out of decent people."

This sad testimony seems to support the commonly held belief that once a criminal, always a criminal. So why bother, lock them up and throw the keys away. Finished and klaar!

If you think like that then you're wrong on 2 counts.

Firstly, receive Jesus' words of correction from his parable of the sheep and the goats (Matt. 25: 31-46) Then the king will say to those on his right "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, take your inheritance¹¹for I was in prison and you came to visit me."

Secondly, listen to the apostle Paul as he reminds us that no man is an island, entire and safe in himself (1 Cor. 12: 26,27) Now, you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

This is where the Kairos Ministry fits in. Its purpose is to break the cycle of hopelessness and despair that clings so tightly to the criminal's life. Rehabilitation is always going to be a difficult task. But the prisoner will be in an infinitely better place to make a new start in life if equipped with a new set of values, a new mindset and a new pattern of behavior.

One of the best methods to track the success of the Kairos Ministry is the reconviction record of released prisoners. Kairos Ministry is relatively new in RSA, hence statistics are insufficient to be quoted with any degree of confidence. However, data emanating mainly from the US indicates a return rate for released prisoners of a low 22.5% after 3 months from prisons where Kairos is active compared with the global norm of around 75%.

SO WHERE DO YOU AND I FIT IN?

The start point is contained in the following bold statement: Everyone in the Church is looking for something that gives meaning and purpose and direction to his/her life. Yes? If this is where you are, then one of the ways in which your desire can be fulfilled is in mission, to prisoners: in other words Kairos Ministry. Reaching out to others who have invariably come from dysfunctional families; never experienced love and kindness; never known or simply , "lost the plot" ; has got to be an experience of a lifetime. The mission statement of Kairos is Listen, listen, love, love. It's a beautiful formula that is twice blessed, touching both the giver and receiver in equal measure.

But let the participants speak for themselves:

Kairos Team members:

- "when we arrived on the Thursday evening, we met 42 hardened criminals. By Sunday evening we were in the company of God's children."
- "Participation in a Kairos weekend reveals the awesome power of God."
- "I witnessed miracles in which God used ordinary people."
- "Kairos is truly God's special time. I praise God for involving me in this ministry."
- "A favourite Kairos song is Bring down the walls. While in prison I saw the walls that prisoners build around themselves come tumbling down."
- "Nothing is impossible for God. He is loving. He is kind. He is merciful. His arm is not too short to save. He goes after the lost sheep!"
- "In the company of prisoners I was forced to reflect on my own life. I thank God that I have not been punished for my own sinfulness."
- "Listening to the prisoner's stories reminded me of Bishop Tutu being overcome with emotion at the TRC hearings. We all shed many tears."
- "Some of the prisoners: grown men, old men would come up, and placing their heads on our shoulders, cry like babies in need of a mother's love. In those moments I felt very sad."
- "Over the weekend I saw God building his Church and the gates of hell being pushed back."
- "I was appointed to the prayer chapel and experienced a very powerful anointing for ministry"
- "I saw hopelessness changed to hope; lovelessness to love; strangers to brothers; prisoners to saints".
- "I believe God looked down on us with approval. The prisoners were so excited to be able to forgive and be forgiven; to love and be loved."
- "If prisons are institutions where evil abounds, then the Kairos Ministry is to beat satan on his home turf."

Participants (prisoners)

- "This feeling I have I never had before. I know something is happening."
- "I never realized I could pray. Now I know I can pray for myself."
- "A white door has been opened for me."
- "I want to thank the Lord for what he has done for me. He has changed my life. From today my name is no longer Kapa Kapa. It is Jabulani."
- "There is a certain policeman I was hoping to do something to with a knife. But now I have forgiven him."
- "I've learnt a lot. I am not alone. And I have choices."
- "I come from a Christian family. I thought I was smart. Now the Lord has opened my eyes and I can see that I am a child of God."
- "I have a peace so deep, a freedom through God's mercy."
- "I have forgiven [my enemies] in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I am bubbling with joy."

You don't have to "Go to Jail for Jesus", there are many other ways that you can work with the Lord as He builds his church. If you feel a tenderness in your heart for the Kairos ministry, don't hesitate, PLEASE call us !

With Jesus' Love and in His service
Rod Morgan (Kairos Clergy)

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Myrna Olyott.

Prayer corner [May 2011](#)

Dear Friends,

Each of us has grown closer to our Lord and Saviour on our pilgrim walk and subsequent 'working on team' walks.

To have spiritually uplifting walks and training times for each walk requires many hours of prayer from people all over the world and especially in our KZN Emmaus Community. Right from board meetings, team selection, and the right sponsors for the right pilgrims on each walk requires the prayers of EVERYBODY in the Emmaus Community.

Prayers are always needed to pray for every walk.

The beauty of being a prayer is that:

1. It does not cost us any money.
2. It can be done anywhere at any time of the day or night.
3. It can be done in the safety of your own home or while on a long flight in an airplane from a faraway place.
4. It makes you a true servant of God and member of team.

The pilgrims on a walk like to know who is praying for them and where they come from, so please would you log onto www.3dayol.org Active Prayer Vigil sign-up sheets and fill a prayer slot on the 72 hour prayer vigils for walks all over the world. Once you have pressed 'sign-up' follow the easy steps to complete the signing up.

You can pray for a number of walks simultaneously if you pray for a few on the same day at the same time after you have selected a time that suits you best.

You calculate the South African time by using the G.M.T guidelines.

We are on G.M.T. +2hours.

Queensland in Australia is G.M.T +10 so they are 8 hours ahead of us.

Pray for each section of the teams, safety at the venue and on the roads to and from the venue, all the pilgrims and for the presence of the Holy Spirit at all times.

May each of you and your loved ones be blessed as you pray for the worldwide Emmaus Community.

Myrna Olyott

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About Alarga: Warren Best.

WHAT IS ALARGA?

Many people would love to participate in an Emmaus weekend but feel that they are unable to do so for a variety of reasons - physical disability/handicap, medical condition, inability to concentrate for long periods of time etc.

Alarga is a variation of the Emmaus programme that makes it possible for all people to be accommodated on the weekend programme. Special timetable adjustments make it possible to move through the weekend at a slower pace and facilities are created to accommodate people in wheel chairs and others who rely upon "special helps" to get through the day. A nursing sister (ALD Carer) leads a team of helpers who attend to people needing special assistance. The programme content is almost identical to that on an Emmaus Walk with early starts and late finishes at night. Rest periods are provided during the day.

Pilgrims are sponsored in the usual manner, the only difference being that all pilgrims are screened before being accepted on the Stroll (Walk). This is necessary to ensure that the team will be capable and competent to adequately care for the person during the weekend. Sponsors are responsible for ensuring that all "special aids" (wheel chairs, commodes, medication etc etc) are supplied and handed to the ALD -Carer at registration.

Not all wheel chair applicants can be accepted onto a Stroll since only a limited number of wheel chairs can be accommodated in the Conference room and chapel. Applications will be considered in the order in which they are received.

All applications to attend an Alarga Stroll will be considered on the clear understanding that special allowances are made for certain pilgrims. In some cases an application from a married couple will be considered but this is not to be used by persons who would normally qualify to attend an Emmaus Walk. Husbands and wives are allocated to different tables and accommodated in different rooms (unless they are both disabled and usually help each other with personal issues) - they may share time together during meals and at other free times.

Application forms are available on the Emmaus web-site.

**Message from the Lay Director of Walk 90:
Mervyn Reed.**

Dear Pilgrims of walk 90,

When you read this, our weekend together will already be an event of the past. I write this to you just two weeks before the weekend starts and I have to tell you, my heart is SO full of love for you and of the excitement of meeting you in person.

You see the team of walk 90 has been Praying over your names ever since you registered and we knew all of you by name a whole month before the weekend and so we have, understandably, been building up a great deal of excitement over this wonderful time.

The team that God chose to take you on this journey was chosen last year and we have been on training since the beginning of the year to make this weekend one that God would wish for you. Our every decision and action was based on Prayer and guidance from Him all the way right up to the present.

I know that God had made an appointment with to be on this weekend and I know that we will have spent a glorious and Joy-filled 72 hours together. More than that, I know that God has spoken to you in a personal way and that wonderful, JOYFUL, times await you - as you and God walk together in your Fourth days.

Please stay in touch in the future? Our friendship has only just begun and I really look forward to hearing from you telling me what God is doing with you!

With Jesus' Love, and in His service
I serve Him with JOY
Mervyn

**Message from the Lay Director of Walk 91:
Sheila Steyn.**

Dear ladies of Walk #91,

WELCOME to the Emmaus family!

Now that you have experienced the love and grace of our Lord first hand, my prayer is that you have met with him face to face. May your relationship with him continue to grow day by day and may the world around you see his love shine through you. May Jesus be evident in all you do, be his hands and feet.

Before this walk the team have had months of preparation and training to enable us to serve you as God called us to. Right from the beginning of training Walk #91 has been

covered in prayer. Each of YOU have also been prayed for over the months of preparation. Now as you leave, go in the knowledge that you will still be prayed for continually. The Lord has a plan for each one of your lives. Take the time to listen to his whispers and be bold in your service and response to his call. May you be blessed as you serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

It has been such a privilege to meet and get to know each one of you. I look forward to meeting up with you in the future either at gatherings or on team.

May God continue to shower you with his grace and blessings.

With love,
Sheila Steyn
Lay Director of Walk #91