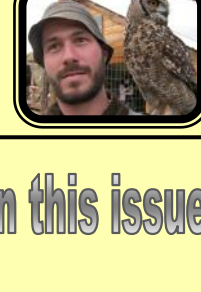


"That His glory may dwell in our land"

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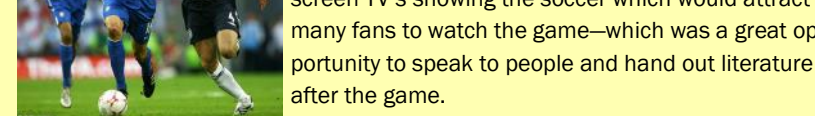
Greetings in the precious Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Thank you to each of you who remember to pray for me, I appreciate and covet your prayers. I would also like to thank each one of you who have supported me financially, may God bless you abundantly.

I thank God for His Grace in enabling and inspiring me to serve and learn here at Frontline Fellowship. I have been quite busy this month and have been able to be of service to God's Kingdom here in Cape Town in various ways. And for this, I am grateful to God—"in me there dwells no good thing" Romans 7:18.

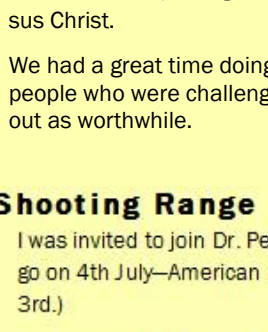
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<http://www.frontline.org.za/aboutus.htm>

World cup soccer outreaches



I really enjoyed the times of outreach we could have due to the world cup. We could go out to these 'Fan parks' and shopping malls where there would be big screen TV's showing the soccer which would attract many fans to watch the game—which was a great opportunity to speak to people and hand out literature after the game.

We were in Canal walk on Saturday 03 July after the game between Germany and Argentina doing an outreach. It is surprising how many Muslims are in this area; during this outreach I only spoke to Muslims. They really have a hunger for God and it is a privilege to share with them the Truth of God's great love for them through His Son, Jesus Christ.

We had a great time doing evangelism in the mall. I got to have at least two good conversations with people who were challenged by what I had to say. Although I spoke to others as well, these two I single out as worthwhile.

Shooting Range

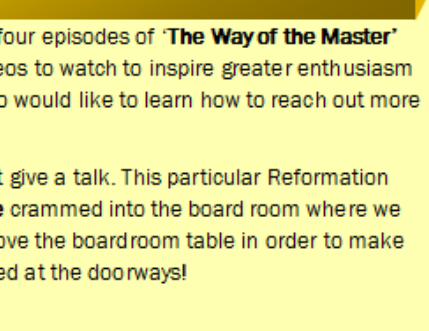
I was invited to join Dr. Peter Hammond and his family at the shooting range on 3rd July. (They normally go on 4th July—American Independence Day, but that would be Sunday this year so we settled for the 3rd.)

The idea of this, I was told, is for firearm training **that in the "day of need, we may be fast and accurate"**. It was unique to see Calvin (11) and his brother Christopher (14) handling these guns and shooting with deadly accuracy—I would not want to be on the wrong side of the trigger with one of these boys, small as they are.

A secondary purpose is to clear out the old ammo and to test some of the new ones so as to be sure that everything works when it is needed.

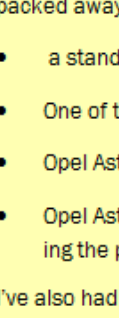
We had great fun at the shooting range. Dr. Peter had quite a few guns. A pump-action shot gun, 308 rifle with a scope, Glock, .38 short revolver, Smith & Wesson, Browning 9mm.

The 308 rifle was my favorite of the day. You shoot at a concrete block and it 'blows up' like a grenade and you get showered with pieces of concrete 20 yards away. It shoots right through 10mm iron plate targets like it were butter!



Reformation Society

<http://www.reformationnsa.org/>



While Dr. Peter Hammond has been away in Europe most of this month, I've had to host and facilitate the Reformation Society Meetings which take place on Thursday evenings.

The Reformation Society is a group of people, not more than a dozen, who gather to look at the Reformation as it took place in the past and to see how we can learn from history so as to better **work for Reformation and Revival** in our own land.

I was quite nervous at first, but after I did some research and a video course on public speaking, I approached the task with greater zeal. Not that I really had to do a lot of speaking—all I really needed to do was to introduce the film that we would be viewing, encourage comments, questions and answers, and then close the meeting.

*This is what the LORD says:
Stand at the crossroads and look;
ask for the ancient paths,
ask where the good way is, and walk in it,
and you will find rest for your souls.*

Jeremiah 6:16

During the three weeks that Dr. Peter was away, we watched four episodes of **'The Way of the Master'** series by Kirk Cameron and Ray Comfort. These are great videos to watch to inspire greater enthusiasm for evangelism. I would recommend this course to anyone who would like to learn how to reach out more effectively.

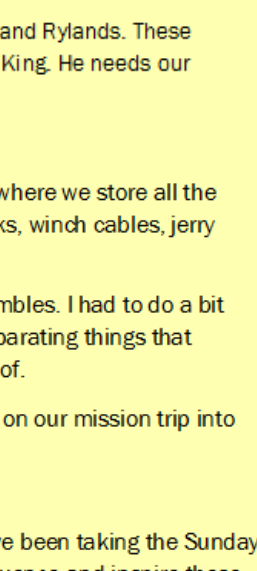
On Thursday 15 July, we had Creation Scientist Dr. Philip Stott give a talk. This particular Reformation Society meeting was well attended—we had almost **50 people** crammed into the board room where we normally have these meetings. We had to dismantle and remove the boardroom table in order to make space for every one, and even then, there were people crowded at the doorways!

Maintenance and Repair

Any of you who know me well enough will know that this is the area in which I thrive best. Repairing stuff. I have had many opportunities to enjoy this God-given talent this month.

I've been able to get some heaters going that have been out of order and packed away for a while. Some of the things that I've been able to fix include,

- a stand-alone roll-up screen
- One of two portable generators (still needs a bit of work, but its running)
- Opel Astra Estate brakes.
- Opel Astra Estate fuel pump relay. (This was really just a matter of diagnosing the problem and replacing the necessary part.



I've also had the privilege of going over to Francios Botes church in Cravenby to assist with maintenance work there on my week-ends. Saturday the 17th, I helped Francios to re-construct the church projector bracket. Because Cravenby is infested with drugs and therefor thievery, the projector is actually in a steel cage—even though it is up in the roof. Francios had a new projector which he wanted to put in that cage, but it (the cage) was too small. My humble services were enlisted to modify, cut, shape, weld the cage so that it would work with the new projector and still keep it safe from thieves.

On Saturday 24th, I helped Francios put up a roll-up garage door in his recently completed double garage which he will also use as a Sunday School room. The highlight of my day was lunch time—Minkie cooked a **lovely breyani!** I really enjoyed this. (I think I'll go help them with some other stuff soon—specially if they feed me such scrumptious food like that).

Please pray for Francios and the ministry that he is involved in there in Cravenby and Rylands. These are very spiritually dark areas and Francios is doing a brave and tuff work for our King. He needs our prayer support.

Vehicle store.

I've also enjoyed, very much, working in the 'vehicle store'. The vehicle store is where we store all the tools and magafat's that are needful on a mission trip by road. So there are jacks, winch cables, jerry cans, tool boxes, water filtration systems, generators, etc.

I was given the task of sorting out the vehicle store—which was in a bit of a shambles. I had to do a bit of re-organizing and cataloguing the stuff that is there and available for use, separating things that need repair from usable items, and service and repair stuff that I saw the need of.

This was also my opportunity to start getting equipment ready that we will need on our mission trip into Zambia, Malawi, and Zimbabwe.

Youth Ministry

I am grateful to God for giving me the opportunity to work with kids again. I have been taking the Sunday School lessons for the past few weeks. I trust and pray that I will be able to influence and inspire these kids to Godliness and to live for the glory of God.



Bibles and literature 4 Africa

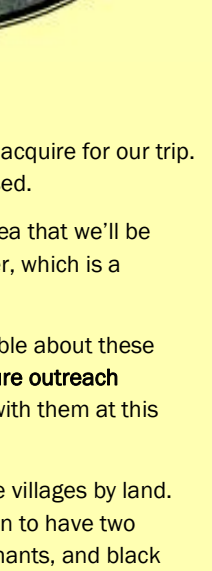
We have a new arrangement with 'Golden Harvest' who have offered us available space on their trucks which transport vegetables up to Potgietersrus. So sometimes we can send a pallet of books up to David Frew who is in that area and he has the uni-mog there with him and he is able to distribute the Bibles and books (precious resources) across the border into neighboring countries. Praise God!



I've been moving around boxes the last few days here at the mission base. We're trying to re-shuffle the storage space and to distribute what literature we have because we're expecting a new shipment of valuable literature and resources to arrive on the 3rd of August. It comes in a big shipping container and will need to go straight into storage as it arrives. We're expecting about 12 tons of Bibles, books and literature.

Radio Tygerberg

I had to interview Dr. Peter Hammond on radio Tygerberg on the program 'Salt and Light' on Tuesday evening (27th) last week.



We were discussing his trip to Europe and the need for Reformation in that area. We also got to talk about Dr. Peter's new book **'Faith under Fire in Sudan'** (well it's actually a revised and updated edition of a previous best-selling book). This is an excellent documentation of Dr. Peter's first-hand experiences among the Sudanese people and the truth about what has been going on in Sudan that has never been accurately reported on before. This book is rightly named because it is the story of the Sudanese people's Faith in God that has been under fire from NIF guns and bombs for more than 40 years. [available at <http://www.christianlibertybooks.co.za/bin/cib/index.php>]

On Tuesday 03 August, I will be interviewing Taryn Hodgson about the up-coming **Women's day outreaches** that will be taking place in the shopping malls in Cape Town. We will also talk about a new law that is in the process of being passed (hopefully) that will effectively block pornography from the internet and also criminalize internet pornography on a national level.

Monday the 9th August is Women's day and we want to us the opportunity we have to speak about women's rights so we will be dealing we topics such as pornography, abortion, prostitution, and the exploitation of women.

Prakashan's visit

I had the amazing privilege of having Prakashan from Maranatha RCA come visit me here in Cape Town. Prakashan came to visit on Thursday 15 July. He brought gifts from home - rusks and biscuits from mom, curry that he had made, and roti from aunty Poobathy. The curry was absolutely delicious - I really am missing the Durban curry. It was great to visit with him. He actually came down for a job interview in Cape Town and just popped in while he was in the area. Thanks Kash.

Devil's Peak and Helderberg Mountains

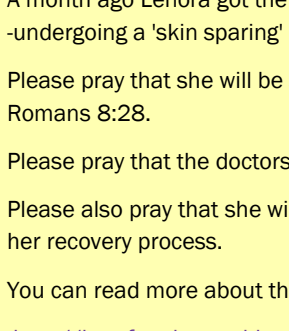
I took a walk up **Devil's peak** on Sunday after lunch two weeks ago. I met another man while walking and we got chatting as we walked. I challenged him about where he'd spend eternity. He says he is a 'Christian' trusting in Christ, but offered me a cigarette. He just moved in to Cape Town from Gauteng. So I made a new friend. Please pray for him, his name is Peet.



I really enjoyed the views from up there. You can see both oceans on either side of the peninsula, pretty much in one glance. You look out to the East and see the magnificent snow-capped Hottentot Holland mountains on the horizon. It was a breath-taking and awe-inspiring view. It's great to know the God who made it all!

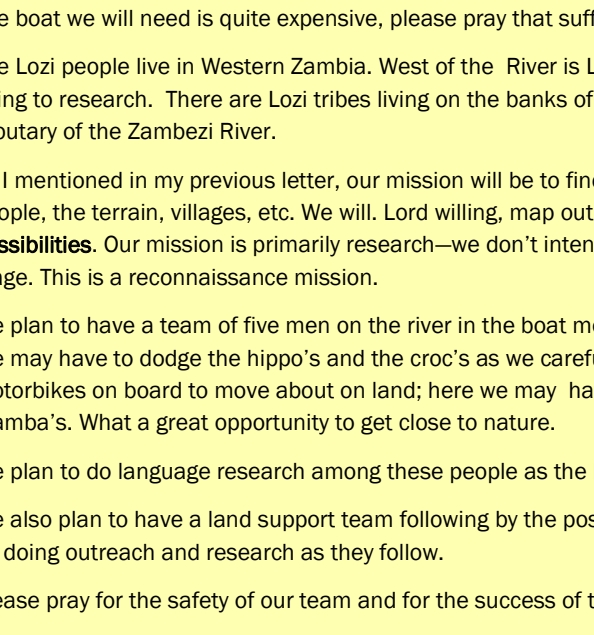
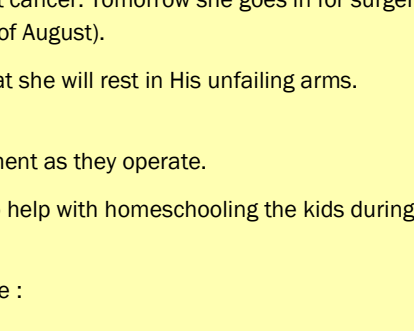
Eagle and Cheetah encounters

After we came down from the Helderberg Mountains, Dr. Peter took us to the Eagle and Cheetah encounters in Spier. Wow! What a great opportunity to get up close with nature.



This owl on the left is called a barn owl. He hunts with his ears. He can **hear the heartbeat of a mouse 15 meters away!**

The Black Eagle on the right has claws that are **as strong as a lion's jaws!** It could crush that man's arm if he wanted to.



The cheetah's are 'ambassador cats' for their species, specially hand reared for the purpose of educating the public about them for the protection of their brothers and sisters in the wild.

If you like, you can pay R100 to have a few minutes inside the cage with the cheetah, even stroking it like a bedroom kitten.



Lozi research mission

John Leach and I have gone to look at a few flat-bottomed boats that we will need to acquire for our trip. The boat we will need is quite expensive, please pray that sufficient funds will be raised.

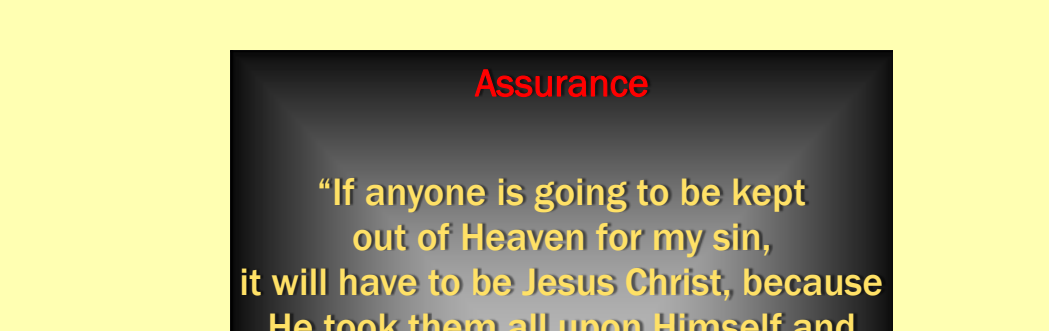
The Lozi people live in Western Zambia. West of the River is Lukesha which is the area that we'll be going to research. There are Lozi tribes living on the banks of the Lungwebungu River, which is a tributary of the Zambezi River.

As I mentioned in my previous letter, our mission will be to find out as much as possible about these people, the terrain, villages, etc. We will, Lord willing, map out the entire area for **future outreach possibilities**. Our mission is primarily research—we don't intend to share the Gospel with them at this stage. This is a reconnaissance mission.

We plan to have a team of five men on the river in the boat moving up to inaccessible villages by land. We may have to dodge the hippo's and the croc's as we carefully navigate by. We plan to have two motorbikes on board to move about on land; here we may have to dodge lions, elephants, and black mamba's. What a great opportunity to get close to nature.

We also plan to have a land support team following by the possible route (red on the map) who will also be doing outreach and research as they follow.

Please pray for the safety of our team and for the success of this mission.



Pray for Lenora Hammond

A month ago Lenora got the dreadful news that she has breast cancer. Tomorrow she goes in for surgery underg a 'skin sparing' double mastectomy (Tuesday 3rd of August).

Please pray that she will be strengthened in the LORD, and that she will rest in His unailing arms. Romans 8:28.

Please pray that the doctors would have wisdom and discernment as they operate.

Please also pray that she will get some one who will be able to help with homeschooling the kids during her recovery process.

You can read more about this on the Hammond family blog site :

<http://hamfam-lenora.blogspot.com/>

Assurance

"If anyone is going to be kept out of Heaven for my sin, it will have to be Jesus Christ, because He took them all upon Himself and made Himself responsible for them. And, by the way, He is already in Heaven, He wasn't kept out. As long as the Father accepted Him back in Heaven, who was responsible to pay for my sin, I have no fear that I will be turned away."

John Mac Arthur.

I greatly covet your prayers.

Please write to me and let me know that you are praying for me.

Thanks again for all your prayer and support. May God richly bless you.

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