



SHADES of BROWN April 2009

The Easter Mission

"They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen... He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead" Acts 10:39-42

Praise God for an encouraging series of Guest services during the Easter period with a number of visitors and please pray for those who have signed up for Christianity Explored that they come to know Jesus.



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Mission in Zimbabwe

During March, Ray spent 5 days in Zimbabwe at a Mission held at a school called Peterhouse; an hour outside of Harare. Despite a collapsed economy and hard living conditions, Ray was encouraged and challenged to meet Christians who were not only committed teachers but committed to the gospel and sharing it and their lives with the pupils of Peterhouse.

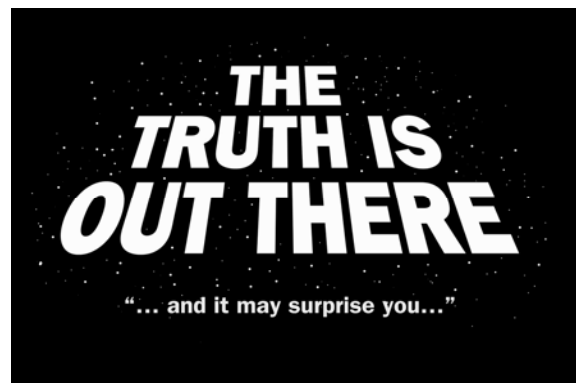
Some of the kids in Zimbabwe



Please pray for the hundreds of pupils and the teachers who heard the gospel during that time that they would become Christians and that the Political situation in Zimbabwe would change positively and not deteriorate further.

Mission at The Bible Talks

Our Mission on our two University Campuses are happening during April and May and is entitled: "The Truth is Out there!" (We have more than one Star Wars fan on staff!)



The students are being encouraged to wear T-shirts with the above logo and a verse from John's gospel to advertise our Mission Events.

Mission in South Africa

On April 22nd South Africans vote in their 4th Democratic Elections. These are very important Elections as many are fearful of the direction the Country is going. Coupled with this is the Global economic Crisis.

Please pray that Christians would be reminded of the Sovereignty of God and use this opportunity to speak the gospel to those around them, especially to those who fear for the future. May this be an opportunity to speak of truth and hope.

Future Mission Opportunities

In June we have our Annual Mid Year Conference which is primarily geared towards our Students. We are hoping to have around 100 students attending, many of whom will need to be sponsored. Our theme this year is 'The Holy Spirit' with Sihle Mooi rejoining us from Soweto as our main speaker.



Please pray that the money will be provided to cover the cost of the conference and for Sihle in his preparation of what can be a controversial subject.

Missionaries Money

Gavin Walker, who has faithfully helped to administer our Salary (and much more) for the last seven years needs to hand this job over before July of this year. In practise this means that the way our Supporters pay us will change soon...

It is possible that Crosslinks will help us with administering our Salary and we are currently investigating this and reviewing our Budget. Our expenses and responsibilities have increased over the last seven years and we would like to thank each of you who have generously and faithfully supported us. Please bear with us during these changes. We can only be here doing Ministry because of God's provision through financial support, and you are an important part of that.

Please pray that we would trust God to provide for our needs, even during times of change and global recession.

With love,

*Ray, Rebekah,
Naomi, Nathanael,
Natalia and Noah*



Kids quotes

Nathanael after tearing his swimming cap: "I think my head is getting too big!"

Noah: "Why do I always have to say please? I don't like saying please"

Nathanael: "I've got a four pack, I'm working on my six pack!"

Nathanael: "Barbie could marry my army guy because they are the same size"

Natalia: "I want to die while I am young before I stop being a Christian"

Naomi's teacher: "Were you born in England?" Naomi replied: "Yes" and then the whole class looked at me like I was an alien!