



We wish you a God-inspired Easter celebration

Let us never forget the great sacrifice our Lord made for us and the glorious victory won. May we ever strive to respond by offering our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – for this is true worship (Rom 12:1).

Emmaus Project

Our project in Emmaus has really made some big moves forward in the last while. Richard and Gary Van Lieshout travelled down to Emmaus this past month (19-21 February). Gary is a recently-graduated architect who has a heart for the disadvantaged. His Master's Thesis was developed around rural development. One of the main purposes of this visit was to give Gary the opportunity to view the land we are looking to build on; and for him to get an idea of location, culture etc. Since the trip we have met with Gary and given him a 'brief' to start designing a Church Community Centre for Emmaus.

During the trip we were also able to deliver, and set up, a 250-seater tent, kindly donated by the Northcliff Union Church. Pastor Musa and his congregation were very excited to receive it, especially as they now have facilities to develop their work further. The tent can be seen for miles and in some sense acts as a beacon of light for the community. That Sunday - the first service in the new tent - saw many more people attend than usual. And many more than would previously have been able to fit into Pastor Musa's small house. Children flocked to the bright canvas... [contd p.2](#)



Pastor Musa and some helpers setting up the tent

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Emmaus children outside the tent

We are excited to have recently uploaded our NEW WEBSITE



There is a lot more information regarding where we are at as an organisation and our various projects.

Go take a look and peruse at your own pace and discretion. We also hope to be updating it more regularly from here on out so if you are keen to follow along more consistently then return to the site every so often.

www.arisemg.org.za

Arise Advance

Currently Don is busy teaching the second module of His training material. It is being taught at the Wednesday evening Bible study held weekly at Berea Baptist Mission Church.



Meeting in the new tent

Special thanks

to the SA Chinese Covenant Church in Edenvale (SACCC) for all their encouragement and support. And for their generous contributions of resources and finances for the ShareCare programme. Particular thanks to the seven individual sponsors, our only one's at present, from the SACCC who have joined the programme and are supporting specific orphans and families.

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...structure. This was encouraging because the plan for the tent was also to begin a play centre, which began the very next day. During the trip food was bought for the needy families as well as to feed the children that would attend the play centre. Toys, games and educational materials were also provided. Three ladies have been employed to work at the play centre: Two to look after the children and one to cook. Currently there are 36 children, between the ages of 3 and 6, attending.

Finally, during the trip we were able to secure a second strip of land (just in front of the first piece we bought and giving access to the road) for the future building of our Church Community Centre. The original owner asked for one cow as payment for the land. We came to an agreement that we would give him the money and he would purchase his own cow. The transaction took place within a very interesting, and somewhat traditional, 'exchange meeting'. Richard

had to think on his feet and drew up a 'legal' document or 'receipt', of sorts, to show that money had been exchanged in good faith. That is until further protocols can take place, involving the King and Mayor, to complete the handover fully.

We are excited for the strides being taken at the Emmaus Project and look forward to seeing how God will continue to work and lead us forward into the future.

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Hidden Treasure Shop

God has opened His storehouse and flooded the shop with many donations. We have many customers who say that our shop is their new 'BEST' shop – they can't believe what we stock and the reasonable prices. Our client base continues to grow. We are glad that we are able to help the community with affordable, quality items in today's economic climate as well as use the profits to support and feed widows and orphans (the whole purpose of starting the shop).

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The shop recently had its annual inspection by Tere Basson, the National Co-ordinator of Hidden Treasure, and May Shenton, the national developer. We are pleased to say that they were extremely satisfied and overjoyed by our shops overall appearance and the kind, friendly, dedicated staff. We scored 69% which in

their mind is brilliant considering the fact that the end of March sees only 6 months since the shop has been open. We are however still in desperate need of volunteers. Please pray with us: we need to have 22 volunteers in order for the shop to run at its full potential. At the moment we only have 4.



Barbara, a shop manager, and a customer

We are so grateful to all who have given so generously. And we trust God that our shop will continue to grow from strength to strength and we will be able to share the love and mercy of Christ to those we come into contact with in the shop and the people whom we are trying to assist.

Arise Prayer Requests

General:

- ▣ Arise Staff (Including personal financial support needs)
- ▣ Bookkeeper needed

Emmaus project:

- ▣ Teachers, staff, and children at the play centre
- ▣ Food supply for children at the play centre (± 36 at present)
- ▣ Christian literature for the children
- ▣ Land & quantity surveyors needed

Hidden Treasure Shop:

- ▣ Storeroom (we are in big need of a place to store and sort all the donated goods that arrive for the shop)
- ▣ Volunteers to assist in the shop

Volunteer Missionaries:

- ▣ Mark and Sara Williams; & Bobby and Margie Jones (For documentation & financial support as they seek to leave the U.S.A. and join us in South Africa in the next few months)

DONATIONS Mens Clothing | Kitchen utensils and crockery | Curtains
NEEDS LIST: Bedding and towels | Childrens clothing aged 3-12 yrs