



Children sang songs and the Lords Prayer to greet the American visitors from WAAP



Noah, Pastor Musa's boy, from the Emmaus community

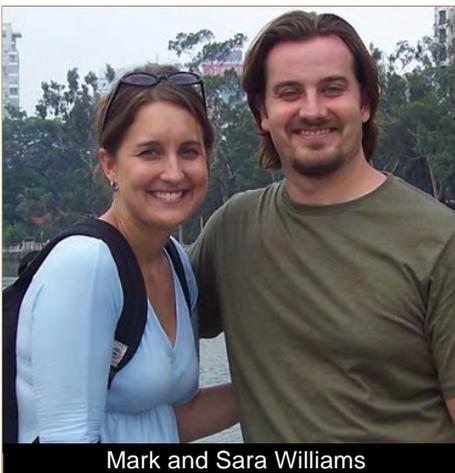
Wheeler Avenue Africa Project (WAAP) in Emmaus

On February 12, 2011, a small delegation (Maurice Carr, Wayne Lockett and Paul Charles) representing Wheeler Avenue Africa Project (WAAP) from Houston, Texas, USA, accompanied by Don Allen from Arise, travelled to Emmaus to visit Pastor Musa and the people of the rural community. The delegation was hosted by Pastor Musa and Pastor Mazibuko. The program included greetings and introductions by Pastor Musa and Pastor Mazibuko as well as special songs by the mothers and children of the nursery school. The program concluded after lunch with WAAP donating funds to ARISE for pre-bought food parcels and WAAP members, accompanied by Pastor Musa, delivering food parcels to those families in need in the village of Emmaus.

The WAAP delegation also surveyed the area for future plans to build a Nursery School/Parsonage, Church and Community Centre.



Pastor Musa, Don Allen (Arise) and WAAP delegation from Houston, Texas (Maurice, Wayne and Paul) distribute food parcels to the families of the Village in Emmaus.



Mark and Sara Williams

Mark and Sara Williams to join the Team in S.A.

We are happy to announce that, after a lengthy wait, Mark and Sara Williams have booked their flights. They plan on arriving in South Africa on 19 April to join us on staff. Amongst other things, Mark will be coming alongside Don and getting involved with teaching and training; whilst Sara will assist in ministry to children. Thank you to all those who have been, and will continue to, pray for Mark and Sara, and to those who are supporting them in other ways. We look forward to their valuable contribution towards the work of God's Kingdom through Arise.

Virginia Baptists Playing Ball



The nursery school children loved playing with the balls and 'parachute'

A mission's team, led by Roy Smith, from Norfolk, Virginia, USA arrived Thursday evening, 24 February, for a couple of weeks of ministry in South Africa. The full team travelled down to see the Arise project in Emmaus for a day, at which point half the team left and travelled to the Free State for a week of ministry with a few Bloemfontein churches. The remainder of the team stayed on with Don and Richard to work alongside Bobby and Margie Jones and Pastor Musa. The majority of the week was filled doing a Vacation Bible School with the children from our nursery school. **Their young faces beamed when playing with the bright toys and balls. They learnt exciting new songs and listened to Bible stories.** The week also included, amongst other things, a well attended Men's Fellowship, Ladies Fellowship, Youth Fellowship, a couple of visits to local schools (including praying for a school who had that morning had a demonic manifestation in the school assembly) and not to forget a typically energetic Sunday morning church service.



Feeding the nursery school children



USA team and local workers in Emmaus

All in all it was a blessed week; the USA team were deeply touched and affected by seeing the need in Emmaus and the surrounding areas. They themselves were a real blessing to Pastor Musa, the church and nursery school children, as well as the rest of the community. Land has been cleared for the purpose of erecting a permanent structure to house the nursery school and church programs. This is an urgent need at present. **We look forward to seeing How God will provide and continue to grow this work in the Emmaus community through the efforts of Arise and its partners.**

Special Thanks

Arise would like to say a special thank you to the WAAP and Norfolk teams for their sacrificial giving of time, resources, and labours these past weeks towards the continued work in Emmaus. And for the partnerships formed that, we hope and trust, will continue into the future. May God's Kingdom be extended and His name be glorified.

Arise Prayer Requests

General:

- Arise Staff (Including personal financial support needs)

Emmaus project:

- A permanent structure to replace the badly damaged tent
- Teachers, staff, and children at the play centre
- A bakkie (truck) for Musa (For collecting foodstuffs, preaching etc.)

Hidden Treasure Shop:

- Continued success of the expanded shop
- Storeroom (we are in big need of a place to store and sort all the donated goods)
- Volunteers to assist in the shop

Volunteer Missionaries:

- Mark and Sara Williams; (For their safe arrival in South Africa in April. And for their settling in to the new environment & work)
- Bobbie Jones who has some health concerns; including losing a significant amount of weight.

PLEASE NOTE:

Our needs list is on the website, for your perusal, if you are considering contributing in any way.