

## Local update 2...How is it going with our IMD Team?



### Basson Family Transitions

Dear Friends,

God is good! We as the IMD team really want to thank you for your prayers and support, especially over the last few months. We have so appreciated your concern for us and we felt it was a good time to update you on what is happening in our lives as families and hope you will be as excited as we are!



Jeni and I are doing well and experiencing the grace and joy of the Lord in our lives and ministry. We as a family have rather suddenly entered into a new season of our lives, as our children have made transitions which has left us with an early 'empty nest syndrome'.

As you know, I'm the Spiritual Leader at our local Christian School, Carpe Diem. Our children have been in the school since its inception 10 years ago.

#### JESSICA...OFF TO YWAM

##### GERMANY:

Jessica graduated high school in June this year. She did very well in her exams and we are so proud of her!

Towards the end of last year, she felt that the Lord leading her to do a YWAM Discipleship Training School, and applied for a Music DTS in Herrnhut, Germany.

Why Germany....? Well, I guess we can only say.....the Lord! As it turned out, that was the only school during the last 6 months of the year that focused on the Arts,



and we all felt a real peace about it.

Well, we will have to write an epistle to relay all the stories and miracles that made it all possible, but to make a long story short, she flew out on July 9th ...on her own journey with the Lord.

Thank you to Judy, Koos' sister-in-

law who sponsored her plane ticket, and Rob and Amy Booth who sponsored her first three months Lecture phase.

She has applied to go to the Thswane University of Technology to study for a degree in Performing Arts, from January 2010, but remains open to the Lord's leading.

#### SHAUN OFF TO BOARDING SCHOOL:

At the beginning of the year, quite a few of the seniors in the school moved on to other areas, or graduated, which left Shaun and a friend the only older senior boys in the school. We looked at and prayed about various options and decided to move Shaun to a boarding school, where they use the same schooling system. We spoke with his friends' parents, and they also decided it would be the best option for them. The boarding school is called 'Neos', and is about a 2 and a half hours drive from where we live. He is doing extremely well and really enjoying the interaction in a larger school. He got his Limpopo colours for cross-country last term, and is hoping to get his colours for 100m and relay next term.



He just joined Koos on a building project in Zambia, where he worked hard at the building site, and also had an opportunity to give his testimony. For those of you that know him, that is no small feat, since he is not much of a talker...

Jeni and I are now experiencing a bit of pre-mature 'empty nest' syndrome, but excited about where our kids are at.

We are somewhat emotionally and physically exhausted, especially with Koos' accident and back on back trips, (which you can read more about in the Zambia report) and are so grateful for a dear friend, who has graciously offered us a 7 day holiday.....

God is so good, and loving, and kind, and personal!

## GOD SENDS LABOURERS TO ASSIST IN THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY:



After years of praying we finally have an office assistant, Annetjie, who has proved her weight in gold. She has been a tremendous help to us in the ministry and Jeni is slowly able to hand over some of the office load and catching up with backlog. Well....to we ever really catch up....

The Lord has also seen it fit to send

Koos a helper. His own nephew, Matthew. We have so enjoyed his presence in our home and he has been a tremendous help practically.



Koos has been experiencing some health challenges and especially when tired or stressed, breaks out in eczema and other skin related problems.

This is a real irritation, and we ask for your prayer regarding his health.

We appreciate you guys.!

## Frew Family—growing in faith and in number.

The Frew's have had quite a few transitions themselves, and as the Basson house has become quieter, theirs has expanded....kids, dogs, larger house ..... God is good!

Douglas has been placed in their foster care and we have all been encouraged to see them grow as a family.



"Our boys are doing well, David takes good care of his little brother and is enjoying his company. He loves to 'read' books and play dough. Douglas enjoys singing his own compositions and is learning so much, his vocabulary is growing daily. They are a blessing to us and

we enjoy having them in our house and family!

Our Home school's theme for this past term was "Growing in faith" and we were challenged and inspired by the heroes of faith as we memorized Hebrews 11.

We are all experiencing growth in our faith in God as our family has expanded and God has shown Himself faithful in meeting our daily needs. Apart from academics during the term, Berdine and Michelle also established a very successful herb garden, started sewing lessons with Tessa and have become creative cooks and bakers. We are enjoying having edible flowers and fresh, homegrown basil, thyme, origanum, parsley, etc. in our salads daily. Tessa and the girls have been studying the books, "Created to be his Helpmeet" and "To train up a child", we are discipling Berdine and Michelle to be Godly wives and mothers in the future. Titus 2:3-5 *The aged women likewise,... That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet,*

*chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.* Other news is that David turned 40 on 14 April! We are grateful to God who created him, saved his soul and called him to fulltime ministry. We are honored and privileged to be in His service. He attended the Mighty Men's Conference 2009 in Graytown. 200 000 men were expected to attend the conference, but it was difficult to estimate the number of men that actually turned out. David says that it was an awesome experience to worship God with such a large crowd of people ( the "AMENs" sounded like thunder). It makes one think of what heaven will be like. He was blessed by the humility, wisdom and spiritual maturity of Angus Buchan."

