



PRAISE and PRAYER

MAY 2022

PROMISED TRANSFORMATION

“We, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing joy.”

2 Corinthians 3:18

Maybe you had your heart set on a promising career or a certain spouse. Maybe you had planned out your education or your retirement. Maybe those things became your preoccupation. Maybe you’ve lost sight of God’s plan.

Your purposes for life are not necessarily wrong, but unless you’ve set your heart on being like Jesus, those purposes aren’t the priority. God’s plan for you – for everyone one of us – is to make us look like Jesus. We were not made to generate life; we were made to reflect it. And to the degree that we are gazing at God and reflecting His glory to the world, we are fulfilling His ultimate purpose for us.

It’s an incredible purpose with an amazing promise. First, we are approached by the King of all creation, the ultimate authority in the entire universe, and given the highest possible role in the Kingdom – to point to Him. Then we are told that our purpose will inevitably be fulfilled. We may be slow learners, and we may miss out on a lot of meaningful reflection in this world, but in the end, we will be the spitting image of our Saviour.

That was God’s plan for us from before the foundation of the world. We thought we were to build a career, start a family, and have a nice life of treating others well and loving God. But that was just a start. There’s a greater point to this life than living a nice life. We will be a demonstration of the glory of God.

Think of that! When all is said and done, we will be even more than shiny trophies on God’s mantel. We will be children who look like Him, apples who fell very close to the tree. As He is radiant, so will we be. As He is merciful and compassionate, so will we be. As He is glorified, so are we. The reflection will deepen and brighten for all eternity. Our lives could have no greater purpose.

Taken from: Worship the King – Chris Tiegreen

BLOEMFONTEIN YW

PRAISE:

- That Almarie was able to get a bed in the Bloem Care Hospital at short notice.
- For Vanessa who is filling in as Manager until a new Manager is employed. We praise God that her husband and family are willing to let her do this for us.
- For Ncomeka who assists Vanessa with overseeing the Residents during the evenings and over weekends.
- We praise God for Mittah, Adeline and Siena, our cleaning ladies, for all the extra work they have undertaken over the month while Almarie was not well.
- We praise God for the 23 girls in our House, and for the one who is only joining us for one month – may she choose to stay longer.

PRAYER:

- We pray for Almarie's health and that she gets all the assistance she needs at this time.
- We pray for a good response from the advert for a replacement Manager in the May issue of the *Joy* magazine.
- We pray for continued safety on and around each Resident as they come and go from our House. Willows is not the most secure area of town.
- Please continue to pray that our House will be filled to our maximum of 26 Residents.

STAFF: *Vanessa, Mittah, Adeline & Siena*

CAPE TOWN YW

We thank God for:

- His mighty hand of protection over us and provision for us;
- even more guests, so appreciate the additional income;
- each staff member and the contribution they make;
- the Residents in the House and for their involvement this year;
- Claire, our Life Coach, and her availability to interact with our residents. For the relationships she has already established this year.
- the safe arrival (birth) of Jacob, Dawn's (our President's) first grandchild (more below).

Prayer for:

- all our Residents. There is still much confusion about on-line verses physical classes. Some Residents have hardly attended any lectures so far this year.
- more Residents to join us this year. We have a number of gaps. We declined many applications for students seeking funding by the National Student Fund. Thankfully we did this as the cut-off date passed by without the students being informed and this would have placed us at a huge financial risk.
- continued protection from Covid for our staff and residents.
- **our AGM** to be held on **24 May 2022** and for a good attendance.
- the trimming of our old Oak tree in late May. Our neighbour is overjoyed that we are doing this, but we will only know the extent of the disease once they start trimming the tree. We pray that it all goes smoothly.
- Cara and Kevin, Dawn's (our President's) youngest daughter and son-in-law and for healing for Jacob. He required surgery within hours of being born. He is doing well, but we pray that he will soon be able to go home.
- additional Committee members to ensure continuity going forward and who can provide more diversity to our Committee.

- Malcolm and Amanda Heldsinger. For healing for Amanda's foot, she fractured her foot in late March. Despite this they have travelled to Canada. We pray for a full recovery from the fracture.
- replacement Managers for 2023. We pray that God will call the right couple and for a good response to the advert in the April Joy magazine.
- Bloemfontein and Pietermaritzburg houses. They have both had challenges. The Manager in Bloemfontein (Almarie) took ill and had to leave very suddenly. We pray for Vanessa as she caretakes for now.
- We pray for the flooding in KZN and the challenge this has been for Fred and Penny in Pietermaritzburg.

Staff: Distone, Terenia, Wendy, Irene, Alice, Nikki, Bernadette, Heathia, Megan and Wayne

Psalm 46:11 *"The Lord Almighty is with us"*

PIETERMARITZBURG YW

PRAISE: Proverbs 28:1b *"But the righteous are as bold as a lion"*.

- For a good atmosphere around the property, although the ladies are working diligently.
- For being able to get the old cottage fixed up enough to admit a young lady. Bringing us to 50 ladies in total.
- For a deep response in the ladies' hearts through Monday Connect and the daily devotions.
- For the ladies arriving safely back from their Easter weekend at home with family.
- For most of the NAFAS payments having been made.
- For the four young ladies who live up the road who came to the gate and asked if they could join the Connect Group. May their walk with the Lord grow through a result of the ministry.

PRAYER: Matthew 5:13 *"You are the salt of the earth"*.

- For the stress on the ladies while the building project next door progresses.
- For our petitions to be successful in stopping the building application to the Municipality. The builder's request is to extend their working hours to 7 days a week and sometimes 24 hours a day. This will put undue pressure on the ladies.
- For a healing touch from the Lord as many of the ladies are suffering with flu symptoms.
- For the KZN area as they are struggling with the aftermath of the floods.
- For the NSFAS payments to continue without delays.
- For wisdom, understanding and connection with the ladies for Fred and Penny.
- For the young ladies as they prepare for their exams at the end of May.

Staff: Fikhile, Zodwa, Jackson, Penny and Fred.

THE YW NATIONAL OFFICE

PRAISE:

- We thank God for our Managers. We greatly appreciate each of them and praise God for His hand of wisdom and guidance upon each one.
- We praise God for the help **Almarie** is receiving at the Bloem Care Hospital and trust for a good and full recovery. Almarie took ill during March (burn-out) and her doctor was able to get a bed in Bloem Care Hospital more quickly than anticipated. We thank God for the safe trips to and from Bloemfontein which our National Administrator, Noreen, was able to undertake at short notice to assist in the various tasks which were needed to be done as Almarie was not well.
- We praise God for the young women He is directing into the Houses for 2022 so that each House will be filled.

- We thank God for the people who assist in the spiritual ministry that is done in each House. This is the heart of our YW's vision and mission and we are so blessed to know that many of the Residents respond to God's call.
- We also give thanks for the many people involved in the work of The YW voluntarily: all the Local Association Committee members; all EXCO members, and the Trustees of our YW Trust. We ask that God continues to keep each one safe and healthy throughout the year.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That the advert in the ***April Joy magazine*** will bring forth applications for the Management positions at the Cape Town YW, and also that the advert in the ***May Joy magazine*** will also bring in applications for the Bloemfontein YW. Both positions in each House need to be filled by 1st July 2022.
- We pray for **Almarie** in Bloem Care Hospital. That she will know full recovery and health. We also uphold **Vanessa** McKuur, their Local Committee President, who has willingly stepped up to keep the House running smoothly until a new Manager is found.
- We pray that each House's Residents will be girls who are hungry to grow in knowledge and wisdom in order to pass their exams, but also with a hunger and thirst to know the Truth and to meet with Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour.
- For God's protection over each of our YW Houses, the Managers, their Staff and Committees throughout 2022.
- We pray for the young women who minister in the local universities of Pretoria and Johannesburg under the 'umbrella' of Campus Outreach. We pray for the Holy Spirit to give them godly wisdom and to direct and guide them in their daily ministry.
- Please keep the following Retired Workers in your prayers: Cheryl Hooper (EL) and Beverley Green (PE/Q).
- Please also keep our still serving and ex-Missionary ladies in prayer: Denise Atkins (CT); Heather Simkin and Jeanette Lelliott (Comoro Islands); Lynne (and Nick) Swanepoel (UK) and Margy Cowell (Jhb).
- ***Continue to pray for healing*** for: Jean and Henri Pienaar (Jhb); Norma Green (PE); Lorna Jackson and Kathy Chetty (Dbn); Almarie Gouws and Veronica and Richard Werth (Bft). Thank you.
- **National Directors of The YW:** Margrit Temple (President); Mark Baisley (Treasurer); Alice Mathew, and Noreen Hallam (Administrator).

The YW (Christian Residences for Young Women NPC (RF) is in fellowship with **CHRISTIAN RESIDENTIAL ASSOCIATION YWCA BROMLEY HOUSE** in Harare, Zimbabwe. As such we ask you to join with us in keeping them in prayer:

Staff: Mrs P Ncube (General Secretary), Ruth, Joyce, Miriro, Cynthia, Mark, Shepherd and Gilbert, as well as the other people who assist as Trustees or Committee members, these include: Ps Wyson Dutch, Marjorie Squire, Faith Mutingwende and Maureen Beckett.

Psalm 32:8a – *"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go."*