



PRAISE and PRAYER
JUNE 2022

JESUS, THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE

"All things were created by Him and for Him."

Colossians 1:16

One of the primary sources of depression, we are told, is a sense of meaninglessness. Meaninglessness is the powerful vacuum behind the angst of secular society; it is the tragic result of false theories of our origins; and it is the number one cause of suicide. If life, as a whole, has no ultimate purpose – if it means nothing – then we as individuals mean nothing. And if we mean nothing, we can hardly bear to go on living. Life without a meaning is a tragedy we cannot endure.

But life does have meaning. We are told so in the Word. Despite the persistent questions of philosophers – questions like “Why are we here?” and “Where are we going?” – we have been given a revelation. The questions were answered centuries ago. We are here because of Jesus! He was the Hand of creation, and He is its ultimate goal. It was all done by Him, and it was done for Himself. If you have ever struggled to find meaning in your life, consider this amazing truth: ***You were created by God, for God!***

You were not created incidentally as a by-product of the rest of creation. You were specifically designed for Him. You are a bride, handpicked for the Bridegroom; or an adopted son, chosen specifically for the Father. You were intentional.

That’s a comforting thought for a society on the edge of despair. Though we once wandered aimlessly in this world, God had a plan for us. Here in Colossians the plan is specifically identified. We are made for Him.

That’s a blessed truth with a huge responsibility: Territory in our lives that is not given over to Him amounts to a refusal to worship. If we were made for Him, and we aren’t giving ourselves to Him, we have some adjustments to make. But what a truth! We have been betrothed. There is no greater blessing. And for those of us looking for purpose, this is it. There’s no greater meaning.

Taken from: Worship the King – Chris Tiegreen

BLOEMFONTEIN YW

PRAISE:

- I am grateful that my husband, Willem, can be part of our YW Team helping me with the running of The YW House.
- Thankful for the amazing team that we are working with in The YW Bloem.
- We are very grateful for God's hand of protection on all of us.
- We give praise because The YW Bloem house will soon be full.

PRAYER:

- We pray for continued safety on and around each resident as they come and go from the House.
- We pray for the Willows area to be a safe place for all of us.
- We continue to pray for a full house.
- We pray for the new managers that will take over from us; that they will fit in The YW Bloem like a hand in a glove, that they will be blessed to see an increase in the house's residents.
- We also pray that The YW Bloem will be a house of influence, a house of prayer.

STAFF: *Willem and Vanessa, Mittah, Adeline and Siena*

CAPE TOWN YW

We THANK God for:

- our Residents and their willingness to respond to God's call;
- the applications we received for the Management position for 2023. We are delighted to announce the appointment of **Michael and Cynthia Stemmett** as the new Managers who will commence duty on 1st July 2022 and work alongside Wayne and Megan for the remainder of this year;
- a successful Annual General Meeting (AGM) and a good attendance;
- Jayne and David-John Dewsnap's attendance at our AGM and for them responding to God's call to go on mission abroad in September this year. Jayne was a Resident from 2015 to 2017.
- the guests we've had over the past months;
- for the inquiries we have received for the second semester of this year;
- Claire, our Life Coach, and for the progress she has made in getting closer to many of our Residents;
- God's protection and provision for us as a House;
- our Staff and their dedication to this work;
- Protecting the workmen who climbed a considerable height to prune our Oak tree. The fact that the prediction that the over 100-year old Oak Tree might need to be removed because of disease was not the case and that the tree was safely and successfully pruned.

PRAYER for:

- for our Residents. Many are finishing off the first semester of 2022 and have assignments, projects and exams to complete. For those who are holding back in drawing closer to God.
- more Residents for the balance of this year and for funding for many of the students who are battling to find accommodation;
- additional Committee members to be called serve on our Committee;

- Michael and Cynthia Stemmett as they pack up their home and relocate to this residence in due course. That God will direct their paths as they find a new Church to join, settle into this House and get to know the Residents and Staff;
- Malcolm and Amanda Heldsinger's safe return from their visit to their son and his family in Canada. Amanda – for her foot to fully heal;
- protection from Covid and other winter illnesses

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

Psalm 143:1 *“Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.”*

PIETERMARITZBURG YW

Romans 8:1 *“So now the case is closed. There remains no accusing voice of condemnation against those who are joined in life-union with Jesus, the Anointed One”.*

PRAISE:

- When God is for us, who can possibly be against us?
- For God's presence and power in our lives, which take us through the challenges that each of us face daily.
- For each young lady God has brought into our House this year. We are believing for hearts and minds to be changed by His Word.
- For Khwezi and Ntokozo and their dedication to the Monday Connect Group.
- For the young ladies who are working diligently through the challenges of on-line learning, electricity outages and loadshedding.
- Unfortunately, we didn't win against the builders' proposal to work on Sundays, but, praise God, they have committed to doing quieter work on that day.
- For the fact that we were able to convert the lounge into a study area which the ladies are making use of.

PRAYER:

- For the young ladies as they do assignments and write tests and exams. The pressure is on.
- For our ladies to be safe, and the builders respectful of them, as they walk past the building site.
- For Simphiwe, who left us to assist her friend. Londeka's entire family was killed in a car accident. These two young ladies have to deal with all the funeral arrangements and financial paperwork. On top of all this, Simphiwe is writing the final exams of her degree in June.
- For the ladies going home after exams. May they be safe in their travels and during their time with loved ones. May they be refreshed and enthusiastic for the second semester.
- For the right ladies to join us at the end of June as two rooms become available.
- For each house to be blessed and every young lady come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior

STAFF: Fikhile, Zodwa, Jackson, Fred and Penny

THE YW NATIONAL OFFICE

PRAISE:

- We give thanks and praise to the Lord for His provision of new Managers for The YW CT in answer to our prayers. **Mike and Cynthia Stemmett** will begin working with Wayne and Megan from the 1st July to ensure a good handover of duties.
- We also praise God for **Willem and Vanessa McKuur** who have agreed to manage the Bloemfontein YW until the end of 2022 while we endeavour to get a new couple as Managers.
- 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 thank God for the safe trip taken by Margrit and Noreen to attend the Cape Town YW's AGM in May whilst also being able to interview the candidates for the Management positions and to ratify them as National Workers.
- 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 **July** issue of the **Joy magazine** will bring in suitable applications for the Bloemfontein YW management positions. We would like to have a couple in there by the 1st September so they can work alongside Willem and Vanessa for a while.
- For **Mike and Cynthia Stemmett** as they finalise things before moving to the Cape Town YW in early July.
- 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 BROMLEY HOUSE, HARARE**PRAISE:**

- We praise the Lord for his protection upon our residents.
- We also thank the Lord for the new residents who joined us this month: Tariro Chapepa and Elaine Ncube.
- We thank the Lord for our new Committee members: Mr. B Timveani, Mrs. Q Wilson, Ms. Cynthia Kamunga, Ms. Memory Maitera, Mrs. Jane Dutch and Mrs. Chibaya. May God grant them wisdom and good health for the work they are doing.
- We also give glory to God for the residents' efforts in paying their rentals on time despite that it is really stretching their pockets.
- We praise the Lord for the good life He has given us.

PRAYER:

- Pray for Asenath Muza who has not been feeling well for the past week.
- That our Lord may protect all residents and staff from any harm.
- That the Lord will continue to touch the girls so that they continue to attend Monday Chapel Service in their numbers and for the Lord to bring girls that will hold to the values and follow the rules of Bromley House.
- We continue to ask God to raise up more prayer union members.
- For encouragement and wisdom for the various decisions that need to be made in the running of our house.
- We commit our Committee members to God.

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 Squair, Faith Mutingwende and Maureen Beckett.

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