



CHRISTIAN RESIDENCES FOR YOUNG WOMEN NPC
PRAISE and PRAYER
NOVEMBER 2024

A WORTHY HOPE

“Though He slay me, yet will I hope in Him.” Job 13:15

How do you react when your circumstances are difficult? Do you try to manoeuvre your way out of them? Do you blame other people? Or worse, do you blame God? It’s a common response that nearly everyone has given in to. Even when we know that blaming Him is wrong and misguided, we still sometimes nurse resentment that He let us go through the trial. We just don’t see the big picture when we’re struggling with the small one.

God has a multitude of reasons for allowing our troubling situations. Perhaps He is working on some of the people in our lives. Maybe He is working out His timing to reap the maximum harvest when His solution comes in the end. Or He could be proving a point to His enemy about His glory, as He did with Job – and our reaction is the key. Maybe He is even working on us – our character flaws, personality issues, or spiritual growth. Unpruned trees bear less fruit, so He must shape us differently. But we’re surprised, and angry, when His pruning hand is not as gentle as we’d like.

The question we need to settle in our hearts is whether we believe God is good. It isn’t hard to hold such a belief when His blessings seem bountiful. But the blessing of hardship? We wonder where His favour has gone. We grow distant, resentful, and bitter over the harshness of His loving hand. Like a child who has just been spanked – or simply told, ‘No’ – we pout. God just doesn’t seem fair.

If we really believe our circumstances are under the hand of a sovereign God – and that God is always good – then bitterness, anger, and resentment can have no hold on us. A vengeful, sovereign God is no comfort, and neither is a good but impotent God. But a firm belief in both His goodness and His sovereignty over our every circumstance is an incredibly relaxing trust. An all-powerful, good-hearted God gives us absolutely nothing to fear except our own disobedience – and He even has a plan for that. We can always hope in Him.

Taken from: “Worship the King” by Chris Tiegreen

THE YW BLOEMFONTEIN

PRAISE:

- We thank God for all the students we have had this year.
- We thank God for the continued prayers and support from National Office and EXCO.
- We thank God for the amazing work that Ps. Esme continues to do with her team every week in our Ministry (Home cell) with the ladies.
- We thank God for all the enquiries we are receiving for next year, we already have some ladies that committed to pay deposits by end of November and beginning of December.

PRAYER:

- We pray for the ladies as they are getting ready for exams that they will be committed to their studies and put in the effort to get good results.
- We are grateful for our Committee and pray that God will send Us God loving and God-fearing women who will empower and help us make a difference in the YW Bloemfontein.
- May the WILLOWS area enable every student to feel loved and safe.
- We are still trusting God to finalise the Nashua issue.
- We pray for God’s protection to always be on the YW House residences, Managers, Staff, our National Office, Board members and committee members.
- We pray that God will fill our House for the 2025 education year. May He send us His girls! Girls who are God fearing and who will understand and adhere to the vision and mission of The YW BFN.
- We pray and trust GOD that our House will be full in 2025, and that God will make supernatural provision for YW BFN.

- We continue to pray that we will always be in unity with our committee members and that we will grow the Bloemfontein YW from strength to strength and from glory to glory, in Jesus' Name.

Staff: Willem and Vanessa, Mittah, Adeline, Marorisang

THE YW CAPE TOWN

PRAISE:

- God's amazing provision and for His protection over this house.
- Sjah Ndaba, our Life Coach, who is available every Monday for Connect evenings with the students and willing to meet with the staff and students on a one-to-one basis, resulting in an increase in attendance at Connect evenings.
- That a few of our students meet every Wednesday evening for their cell group in our lounge.
- That the house is full, and our residents are focusing on their studies for the end of year.
- There has been a positive response for accommodation from the current and new students for 2025.

PRAY for:

- The protection of our children and residents – physical, spiritual and emotional protection; that their eyes will be open to the plans of the evil one.
- Time management and balance between work, studying and rest for the students as their assignments pile up and many are preparing for finals.
- Some of our students that have completed their studies and are looking for internships or employment for 2025.
- For protection as our students travel home for the holiday break.
- Wisdom and understanding for Sjah as she leads the Connect evenings and the one-to-one sessions; pray that the students will be free to chat and share with her if they are struggling.
- Continue to pray for additional suitable Committee members.
- That God will grant us wisdom and understanding with each of the students as we manage the house and challenges that come our way.
- Wisdom and guidance as we start the selection process for 2025 applicants. We've already had enquiries for next year.

Staff: Distone, Wendy, Irene, Alice, Nikki, Bernadette, Heathia, Mike, Cynthia, and Joshua.

"The same God who takes care of me, will supply all your needs through His glorious riches which have been given to us in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4: 19 (NLT)

THE YW NATIONAL OFFICE

PRAISE:

- We praise God for being God of our YW mission organisation and directing our National President and the EXCO members who deliberate the various issues concerning The YW as a whole, and as we monitor the activities in each of The YW Houses.
- We praise God for the young women He has directed into our YW Houses throughout this year, and we praise Him for the many young women who will take up residence in our Houses in Cape Town and Bloemfontein in 2025.
- We give thanks for the many people involved in the work of The YW voluntarily: the Local Association Committee members; our EXCO members and the Trustees of our YW Trust.
- We praise God for The YW Trust.

PLEASE PRAY:

- That our Residents in each House will excel in their exam results at the end of the year. Results which will give them a hope for their future.

- We pray that young women who are needing to find a place to stay while studying throughout 2025 will be directed to come to The YW in both Bloemfontein and Cape Town.
- We pray that both Houses will be full for the whole of 2025.
- We also pray that this year's girls, if not already born again, will have found the Lord Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour and minister that reality with those in their families and friends.
- **For our Managers:**
 - Willem and Vanessa McKuur – Bloemfontein YW, and
 - Michael and Cynthia Stemmett – Cape Town YW.
 - We pray that our Managers will be enabled to take some time off over this Christmas season and get some greatly needed rest.
 - For those women from outside The YW who come in to hold Christian evangelical ministry within the Houses. May they too reap a reward in the hearts and lives of the young women and their friends.
 - We pray for the **Campus Outreach** young women who minister in the local universities of Pretoria and Johannesburg.
 - Our **Retired Workers** are: Cheryl Hooper (EL), Beverley Green (PE/Q), Almarie Gouws and Fred and Penny Hammond (WC).
 - Our current serving and retired **YW Missionaries** are: Jayne and David-John Dewsnap (Poland); Denise Atkins (CT); Heather Simkin and Jeanette Lelliott (Comoros Islands); Lynne and Nick Swanepoel (ex-Kenya/UK) and Margy Cowell (ex-Mozambique/Jhb).
 - **Please pray for healing:** Jeanne de Winnaar and Jean and Henri Pienaar (Pta); Norma Green (PE/Q); Lorna Jackson and Kathy Chetty (Dbn) and Veronica and Richard Werth (Bft). Thank you.

Directors of The YW: Margrit Temple (President); Mark Baisley (Treasurer) and Noreen Hallam (Administrator).

BROMLEY HOUSE, HARARE

PRAISE:

Psalms 136:1 *"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."*

- We are thankful for God's protection since the beginning of the year.
- We are grateful that all the CTA students were successful in their examination.
- We praise God for our management and staff that have worked tirelessly for the running of the hostel.
- We thank God for Pastor Banda and Pastor Nkoma from Dorothia Mission who come every Tuesday to minister the word of God to our staff members.
- We thank God for spiritual growth through our Monday chapel services.

PRAYER:

- We pray for those who are still writing end of year exams that they may succeed.
- We pray for all those who will be departing from us this year end. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours. We pray that the new girls' who will move in will uphold the standard and values of this hostel.
- We ask God to keep us and our loved ones safe during this festive season.

STAFF: *Mrs Ncube and Bromley House staff*

PLEASE NOTE: there will NOT be a "Y's News and Views" magazine nor a YW Calendar printed this year. We know many of you appreciate receiving these items, but finances need to be considered.
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