



CHRISTIAN RESIDENCES FOR YOUNG WOMEN NPC

PRAISE and PRAYER

FEBRUARY 2025

FOR HIS HONOUR

"He must become greater; I must become less." John 3:30

People had been flocking to John in the wilderness, seeking the baptism of repentance and soaking up the words of a bona fide prophet. John had even gotten the attention of Judea's most influential classes, as both Pharisees and Sadducees came to hear his teaching. (Matthew 3:7) His ministry had gathered steam, and he was on a roll. Clearly, God was working in his life. The man in whom the Holy Spirit had dwelled since the day of his birth (see Luke 1:15) was popular among the masses and a threat to the elite. He was a rising star.

No wonder then, that his disciples were a little concerned with the Galilean who was starting up His own ministry. Their rising star had a rival, at least in their eyes. They had attached themselves to a prophet whose influence was rapidly declining while Another's rose. Israel needed John's message - his disciples were sure of it. So, they approached John with this serious problem: this Galilean whom John had testified about was stealing John's sheep.

John assured his disciples that the sheep were now following the right Shepherd. He also confirmed their insecurity over John's status: the other Teacher was, in fact, the greater One. His influence must rise at all costs – even if it meant the end of John's prophetic ministry. Jesus must become greater, and John must fade away.

John put words to the attitude that every believer should maintain - in every situation we must defer to Jesus. He is God incarnate, and God does not yield His glory to others. (Isaiah 48:11) Nor should He. It is a travesty when our service points to us and not to Him. It's shameful when our words give credit to human beings and not to Him. It's tragic when the world looks at us and sees only us. Instead of our being the supporting actors and Jesus being the Star, we often get the roles reversed. But Jesus is far more than a supporting actor, and we are not rightfully stars. Every day, repeat John's words: *He must become greater; I must become less.*

Taken from: "Worship the King" by Chris Tiegreen

THE YW BLOEMFONTEIN

Psalm 23 - A psalm of David

PRAISE:

- As we start this New Year, we would like to thank God for His Amazing Grace, His unfailing Love and Tender Mercies that continue to carry us through each year.
- We thank God for all the continued prayer and support we receive from our National Office and EXCO throughout the year.
- We thank God for the amazing ministry work that Ps. Esme and her faithful team have been doing over the years, with the Weekly Ministry evenings (Homecell) and Events with the ladies.
- We are grateful for the Committee (Ps. Esme) and for all the prayer and support. We trust that God will add more new Committee Members this year, to make a difference and a lasting impact in the YW Bloemfontein.
- We thank God for all the new young ladies joining The YW FAMILY in 2025 and all the enquiries we are getting for this year.

PRAYER:

- We pray that all the ladies that will be staying in the House this year will be God-Loving, God-Fearing, Disciplined, Kind-hearted and Respectful.
- We also pray that this year's Residents, if not already born again, will find the Lord Jesus and make Him their personal Lord and Saviour and minister that reality with their families and friends.
- Our continued prayer is for the WILLOWS area to be a safe environment, especially for all the new students that will make Willows their home for the duration of their studies.
- We are still trusting God to finalise the Nashua issue.
- We pray that God will continue to send us God loving and God-fearing Committee members to enlarge our committee for 2025.
- We pray for God's protection to always be on all The YW House residences, the Managers, and their families, all the YW Staff and Committee members, our National Office and EXCO.
- We pray and trust GOD that our House will be full this year, and that God will make supernatural provision for YW BFN for 2025 and beyond.

Staff: Willem & Vanessa, Mittah. Casuals: Lelle & Elisa

THE YW CAPE TOWN

PRAISE for:

- God's amazing provision and for His protection over this House.
- A financial surplus in 2024 despite increased costs in food and electricity.
- That the house is almost full for this year – The YW has a reputation as being one of the best Women's residents in Cape Town.
- Our life coach, Sjah, who has committed to serve The YW in her capacity as a mentor and counsellor for the students.
- The support, encouragement and prayers of our church, friends, and family

PRAYER for:

- The protection of our children and residents – physical, spiritual & emotional protection; that their eyes will be open to the plans of the evil one.
- There has been an increase in crime in our city – please continue to pray for protection of our residence, staff, and property.
- New students who will be serving on our student committee.
- Good and supportive relationships between the students in the house.
- New students as they adjust to traveling in a new city and their studies.
- A fun and successful welcome party which we are planning on the 18 February.
- 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.

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

"Let all that I am praise the Lord; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name." Psalm 103:1

THE YW NATIONAL OFFICE

PRAISE:

- We give thanks to the Lord for the life of Norma Green, previous Assistant General Secretary at the East London YW (1980's), who passed away in Port Elizabeth on 10th November 2024. Condolences go to her daughter Beverley, and all the family.
- We praise God for sparing the lives of Jeanette and Heather during the storm that swept over Mayotte Island in the Indian Ocean during December. They have been serving the Lord there for many years and have had the privilege of seeing many lives changed.

- We praise God for the young women He is directing into our YW Houses this year, and we praise Him for the many young women who will come to know the Lord Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour during this time.
- 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 and the help it is to our YW residences as well as to young women embarking into the call of God to minister His Word into other young lives.

PLEASE PRAY:

- For Heather and Jeanette on Mayotte Island, that the Lord will open new opportunities for them to minister into people's lives as everyone attempts to begin life again. Pray for the many left destitute after the storm.
- 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 Houses in both Bloemfontein and Cape Town.
- That both YW residences will be filled with young ladies throughout the whole year!
- **For our managers:**
 - Willem and Vanessa McKuur – Bloemfontein YW, and
 - Michael and Cynthia Stemmett – Cape Town YW.
- 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 & David-John Dewsnap (Poland); Denise Atkins (CT); Heather Simkin and Jeanette Lelliott (Mayotte Island); Lynne & Nick Swanepoel (ex-Kenya/UK) and Margy Cowell (ex-Mozambique/Jhb).
- **Please pray for healing:** Jeanne de Winnaar and Jean & Henri Pienaar (Pta); Lorna Jackson and Kathy Chetty (Dbn) and Veronica & Richard Werth (Bft). Thank you.

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

BROMLEY HOUSE, HARARE

Jeremiah 17:14 - *"Heal me O Lord and I shall be healed; Save me and I shall be saved for you are the one I praise."*

PRAISE:

- We thank God for keeping us safe and sound as we have entered the new year 2025.
- We thank God for the safe return of most of our residents.
- We are grateful that Bromley house girls keep shining in various disciplines, and most students passed their end of year exams.
- We thank God for Makanaka Mugunge who passed her O level with 4 A's, and 1 B!
- We praise God for a full house.

PRAYER:

- We pray for a productive and fruitful year.
- We pray that our new residents settle well and adjust to our rules and regulations.
- We pray for additional suitable Committee members.

STAFF: Mrs Ncube and Bromley House staff