



January 2016

Greetings in HIS precious name.

Blessings for a wonderful 2016. We are once again at the beginning of a new year full of challenges and opportunity. May we continue to serve our Lord in a spirit of humility, grace, joy, co-operation and charity. Most of all, we need to remember to also have FUN being HIS hands and feet!!! Remember, Christ is counting on you.

There is much to share with you this month.

Muso Day – Sat 9 January 2016 – Mark Hunt.

The weekend was kind to us – giving us a warm and sunny day for our first Muso Day of 2016. Though small in number; 14 of us – we had a wonderful time. Huge thanks to Curly and Heather McDuling who opened up their home (Cantebury House, Hibberdene) to us. We were reminded of God’s awesome presence in the fantastic, panoramic vista of the ocean and coast from the veranda, where we made a joyful noise. We opened with a short meditation; then got stuck into playing and singing. We learnt many of the songs seldom played from the songbook. (I think I may have forgotten a few already). We had a couple of visitors from Kairos and sang songs that they enjoy too. In true Emmaus tradition, we enjoyed a Bring and Share lunch and resumed playing until our sore fingers said: “enuf!!” We’re all looking forward to the next Muso Day, which we hope to have in the Pietermaritzburg area. There are photos of the day (taken by Heather Mcduling) on our Facebook page : <https://www.facebook.com/KZN-Emmaus-151862668192744/>.



The KZNEMMAUS board met on Saturday the 16 January 2016 for their board training led by Amanda Nel, our Certified Facilitator. Everyone enjoyed the day, and the opportunity to form a better understanding of the program.



We have our first board meeting and Team Formation 1 this Saturday, 30 January 2016. I am delighted to share that we have full teams for Walk 106 and 107. We ask for your continued prayer as we gather for training. We also ask that you pray about who you will be sponsoring on these Walks. All the forms are on our website. Let's have full walks. Please take prayer slots on the prayer vigils. Remember the earlier you take a slot the more choice you have. Walk 106 takes place 21 – 24 April and Walk 107 from 27 April – 1 May 2016.

I would like to remind you that there is only one set of Walks this year as we will be introducing Face to Face. The first Encounter is in June and Team Formation 1 will be in March 2016. There will be a second Encounter in October 2016. Team Formation for Face to Face to start in July 2016. I will be sharing more news as we go forward.

And now for more very exciting news.

Emmaus in Nigeria.

We are excited to share the great news that Emmaus will be starting in Nigeria, in February. This new community has been wing spanned by Oceanside Emmaus Community, Fort Lauderdale. Teams have been selected with members coming from Fort Lauderdale, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Nigeria and South Africa. Team members are working on their visa applications and travel arrangements at the moment. Walk #1 will be held from 18 – 21 February and Walk #2 will take place over 28 April – 1 May and will be held at the Administrative Staff College of Nigeria, Topo, Badagry in Lagos. Many skype meetings have taken place with regards to team selection, discernment of talks, arranging of supplies and the set up. Prayer vigils will go up on the 3dayol.org site in a couple of days and we request that you take a slot or 2 and bless the team and pilgrims with your prayers.

In our next newsletter we hope to share some photos of these Walks and the experience of the South African team members.

I would like to leave you with a word received earlier this year.

“Then Abraham waited patiently and he received what GOD had promised”.
Hebrews 6:15.

GOD’S promises are certain and can be completely depended on. When HE gives us promises it is HIS best for our lives. Let us trust, take hold of and believe what GOD has spoken and promised. My prayer is as we start this New Year, that we look forward to the fulfilment of the promises for our lives and that we live with expectation and hope as we trust GOD day by day.

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Love and Blessings

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