

Dear Praying Friends

All good things have to come to an end. The FCE staff Conference was God-initiated – a moment with the Lord on the mountain top. We started with a tribute to Neels and we were reminded of his dedication to the Lord, His fear of the Lord and his obedience to the Lord.

Our discussions during the conference circled around the questions: The Who, What and Why of FCE. We were inspired by the principles Neels has established in FCE and how he did not depart from the ways and direction the Lord has given us. We continue to build in faith on the initial foundations:

God's Inspired and infallible **WORD** is our foundation.

His **CROSS** reminds us to live Christ-Centered lives.

The **NATIONS** represent our focus.

DISCIPLESHIP is foundational of our calling.

In obedience we looked at different approaches and are adjusting our strategies to follow the Lord into the new phase of our ministry.

The morning devotions focused on the NAMES of the Lord. (Hallowed be thy Name)

Plenary sessions focused on the TRIUNE GOD – the Lord of the nations. (“God so LOVED the World....” John 6:13)

Planning meetings focused on preparing us, HIS VESSLES, to make disciples. (“And the power of the Holy Spirit....” Matt 28:19,20)

At the end of the conference, we wanted to put up huts and encamp around Him. But He looked down into our valleys and encouraged us TO GO as we are His plan and His desire that all nations should be drawn unto Him. Inspired and in obedience we returned to our areas of ministry, to use every opportunity and challenge to make Christ known to the nations, train disciples with a desire to build His Kingdom and restore His glory.

We thank YOU, our prayer supporters, who have been our right hand throughout the years and who share in the harvest. Our prayer is that you will stay on board and share in what the Lord plans for FCE in the years to come.

Birthday Celebrations

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Birthday:
Lindie,
Kalungu



Lindie joins her husband to manage the Isale Farm close to Kalungu. As a trained FCE teacher she homeschools their two daughters. Her creativity is expressed in her daily routine and in their ministry. At the moment she battles with health issues. Pray for wisdom for the medical staff who is looking into the matter. Pray for faith in God who has the power to heal.

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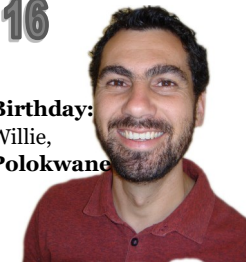
Birthday:
Esté,
Malawi



Esté and her family serve in Malawi. She manages the Rest Camp and create an atmosphere for the Holy Spirit to work in the lives of the tourists. Her heart is for the children and the women in the vicinity. Through bible studies, prayer meetings, mentorship, fun activities, hard work, compassion and care she trusts the Holy Spirit to open their blind eyes to see Jesus.

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Birthday:
Willie,
Polokwane



Willie is diligently serving at Eagles Nest School in Polokwane where he is a big support to the staff and a wonderful teacher and mentor to the children. Pray that he will always know how to balance family life with work responsibilities as it will always be a challenge.

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Birthday:
James,
Kalungu



James does what he likes best – he farms. The Isale farm at Kalungu is blossoming under his management. Lately he and Lindie have started an adventure camp on the farm to reach the teenagers in the area with biblical truths. The activities are focused on leading souls to Christ, making disciples and to transform communities. Ask God to protect James and his family as they drive back to Zambia. Pray a blessing over them as they desire to continue to serve the Lord in missions.

Prayer, Training and Outreach

remain integral parts of our work and activities.

PRAYER

Schools in Zambia could not open due to Cholera-outbreaks. Pray for Jeanvion and Gateway school as this is a set-back. Pray for protection of teachers, learners and communities.

Pray for the different **coordinators of the DMT** who spend their energy and time in and outside the classrooms to renew the minds of the students so that they can know the truth.

Pray for the **mentors** who spend time with students in order to answer their questions, to address their uncertainties and to guide them in the truth.

Pray for the **students** in training who battle with social media-related issues, addictions, lack of self-discipline, false teachings and confusion in general.

The beginning of the year has been tough for **Bas**, from Koti-ni-Eden farm in Zambia, as it started with a severe bout of malaria and some other difficulties. Pray for him to keep looking at Jesus, the champion of his faith. Thank God also for many blessings and wonderful opportunities to train people!, especially young men from the surrounding villages.

Nita Grobler continues to fight the cancer in her body. Please persevere in prayer for her, knowing that God has the power to heal her.

TRAINING

Ethiopia (3 – 18 February): Jannie, Thinus, Piet, Joe and Marriot are at present in Ethiopia. They are training 43 principals of the Christian Schools from the Evangelical Kale Heywet Church in Ethiopia. Thank the Lord for this open door to influence Christian teachers to teach from a biblical perspective. Praise God for this opportunity to reach a nation through Christ-centered education. Pray for protection, provision and a powerful work of the Holy Spirit.

DMT Courses 2024

(Visit www.fce.org.za for contact information)

8 April—16 June (Florence Bay, MALAWI)

19 June—2 August (Okahandja, NAMIBIA)

1 October—22 November (Pringle Bay, SOUTH AFRICA)

OUTREACHES

Media Team en route in Zambia/Zimbabwe/Malawi/South Sudan

Thank the Lord for the Media Team, Bernard and Jesse, two volunteers, who are traveling to the different FCE partners in Africa. They are making videos of FCE's involvement and impact on the people of each area. This footage will be used in marketing and bringing an awareness of what the Lord is doing in and through our ministry.

South Sudan

18 February – 3 March. Jordan, from Australia, and his team are on their way to South Sudan to take hands with the Amazing Grace Community to complete some building projects. PLEASE pray for their protection, this is a challenging outreach, trust the Lord with them for the finances needed, as there are huge costs involved. Pray for protection of their families who released them to go. The media team will also join them.

Europe Conference 9-12 May 2024

EUROPE CONFERENCE AND VISITS AFTERWARDS: MAY 2024

9 – 12 May. PLEASE MARK this date on your calendar. Start praying for this conference in Winterberg Germany. To our European friends: Trust the Lord to enable you to attend it. More information will be available soon.

13 – 20 May. Staff from South Africa plans to visit prayer supporters in Holland and Germany after the conference. If you as Europeans are interested to visit with us during this time, please send your request by email to Bart van Dijk via email vandijk.b@fce.org.za so that we can plan our program accordingly.

Invitation FCE Information Meeting

The Training and Support Team at Pringle Bay invites FCE prayer supporters, in the vicinity, to join us.

ON Saturday 2 March 2024

AT FCE Glen Craig, Clarence Drive PRINGLE BAY

FROM 0900 – 1400

FOR Information, Fellowship and inspiring one another with the vision.

Please respond to Riette Cilliers via email cilliers.r@fce.org.za **before 23 February.**

A lunch is included.

Unfortunately no accommodation available and no program for children.