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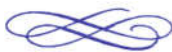


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*For God  
so loved the world  
that He gave His one and  
only Son, that whoever believes in  
Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

**John 3:16**



**What a joy and privilege** it is to carry this simple message to the world — **God**, our **Creator**, our **Father**, loves us and made a way for us to have eternal life. Somebody shout — Heeeeyyyy! We are so thankful for you who help us preach this message to a lost and sinful world. At times we get discouraged and feel defeated. At times I feel like Paul when he said, “**Christ Jesus** came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, **Christ Jesus** might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life (I Timothy 1:15-17).” But the truth remains forever — **God so loved the world!**

**Mid-September we were London bound** to be with Steve and Tina Same at the London Outreach Center. Elizabeth was excited about a great price she found on tickets with a shorter travel time than we usually have and a good departure hour (6 PM). Unfortunately, when we arrived at the airport we were informed of an eight hour delay! Our plane had mechanical issues before it left Frankfurt, so it was eight hours behind schedule. Spending about ten hours in the Cape Town airport with a 2 AM departure was not the best way to start the trip, but we got lots of food vouchers—Heeeeyyyy!



*Yes it was cold and windy!*

Our time in London was busy and it is always a blessing to be part of the ministry there. It’s also great to be back at Speaker’s Corner. This year I was feeling rather patriotic! There’s nothing like sharing the glorious message of how **God so loved the world** to people from all over the world at Hyde Park! Abigail was able to join us for about 10 days. She was in between jobs after relocating from Alabaster, AL back to Pensacola, FL. She is now a RN at West Florida Hospital and a full time student at UWF studying for her Bachelor of Nursing Degree — somebody pray for her! It’s a tough schedule for sure.

**Mid-October I was Manila bound.** This trip, Chris Kitson accompanied me for his first exposure to what we have always fondly called “the greatest show on earth.” While there, Arise & Shine Evangelistic Association Philippines had its 31st Anniversary celebration and believe me, the Filipinos know how to celebrate! We visited with as many of our pastors and ministers that we could, and shared that same glorious message of how **God so loved the world** to as many people as we could. Buford Lipscomb (Liberty Network) helped us celebrate and shared a great message to our group. It was also great to have Sudip Khadka from India with us and also Josh Lipscomb and Matt Mills (Liberty Church) were able to be with us for a few days. Becky Durr from Liberty was there, too! It is such a great encouragement to us







to have the support of such great friends and partners in this life of sharing the glorious message of how **God so loved the world**. Thank you so much for taking the time to come and minister to all of us in the Philippines.

**Back in Cape Town**, we are looking forward to celebrating Christmas in our new building. Not sure if we've told you about the need to redo the staircase because it does not meet the building code — never a dull moment! Sometimes you just need to keep your eyes on the mission — sharing the glorious message of how **God so loved the world!**



The other day I decided to take an early morning run. I always jog with several pages of Scriptures in my hand to read and meditate on. There is a lot of crime in this area of Muizenberg, so I'm always thinking about safety. This day that I looked up and noticed eight young men walking toward me. To be safe, I decided to turn down another road. A while later I was walking to cool down and turned a corner only to run into the same group. I was going over Proverbs 3:5-6 so I stopped, threw up my right hand with the Scriptures in it and yelled, "Gentlemen, I have some **Good News** in my hand that has come from the Bible!" They all stopped and stared at me so I asked, "Have you ever read the Bible?" "Do you ever worry?" They all replied yes to worrying. I began to quote from Proverbs — "Trust in the **LORD** with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all they ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." As I spoke about the wonders of trusting **God** with all your heart their eyes lit up like a light bulb. **Jesus** called people who needed REST from anxiety, uneasiness and worry. They came by the numbers to **Jesus**, the Great Physician. After sharing with them for about ten minutes, I prayed for them and walked off. Ten steps later, one of them said, "Pastor?" I turned around to answer. He had stopped and with bright eyes said, "Thank you, thank you!" Oh what joy it brings to share the glorious message of how **God so loved the world!**

Praying you all have a glorious Christmas. We thank **GOD** for you!

With love,

*Dirk and Elizabeth Wood*