



**Growing A Family Aflame,
Sharing God's Love with All**

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PREACHER'S NOTE

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One Small Blue Marble

Astronauts say seeing the earth from space changed them. Many read Scripture, one even had communion - turning to our Maker after

experiencing first-hand the majesty of space and the beauty of our planet. Many spoke of being overwhelmed by seeing all of life as we know it, all we hold dear, in one small blue marble. We are all together in this, and seeing that so clearly changes us.

Life on that marble is incredibly inter-related. One guy flew from Italy, and went back to his home near Durban, feeling ill. Two years later, we have now passed 3 million cases, and over 83 000 people have died from a disease that passes from one to another by our normal interactions. We are all acutely aware of these - each of us can remember quite clearly who we saw and spent time with in the past week: those we need to inform if we too feel ill.

Sitting at home it is too easy to consider only ourselves and our comfort, but these links between us are far-reaching. The effects of the disease spread beyond our health, to our livelihoods - so many people are struggling - to our safety - although instigated, the recent widespread spree of looting comes from a base of hunger and want. And that affects how far our money stretches as the world reacts to what they see on their TV screens, and disinvests. We are connected and those connections affect us all, profoundly.

PREACHER'S NOTE CONTINUED

We can no longer live our lives ignorant of the links between our comforts and inhumane, exploitative and unsustainable practices, and our plenty in the midst of such lack. We are challenged, not to have to change the whole world, because that is God's task, but to look just one or two links away from us and see what we can do. What we do for our neighbours makes a huge difference to all of us. Blessings, Andrew.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & SUNDAY YOUTH

There will be no Sunday School or Youth for the next few weeks. Teachers will however be in contact with you to suggest how you can share God's stories with your children. May you be very aware that God is with you even in these strange times.

DMC FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER

Betty McMaster, Margarete Van Der Merwe, Doreen Johnson, Liz Harper, Elise Timm, Elise Van Der Spoel MCSA Annual Conference that is in progress in Kimberley & for those who will be ordained into ministry this Sunday.

BIRTHDAYS

We wish you God's Richest blessings as you celebrate your special day

Andreas Eiselen	12 September
Matthew Barnes	13 September
Ayanda Coto	13 September
Colleen Garriock	14 September
Vanessa Louw	14 September
Sylvia Miller	14 September
Vuyelwa Ntshinga	15 September
Paul Sookram	15 September
Renée Theron	16 September
Roleen Godfrey	16 September
Warrick Munro	17 September
Bradley Timm	17 September
Chloe Harrison	17 September
Ronel Du Plessis	18 September

SERVICE & GENEROSITY

SOCIAL CONCERNS

We are in urgent need of soup. We have been asked to supply 20 litres of soup each Friday to MES. Please if you could deliver the soup by Thursday latest, and we will arrange for it to be sent to MES.

WINTER ESSENTIALS & KNEE BLANKETS

We are in need of beanies, scarves, gloves, knee blankets or squares to be sewn into blankets & double knitting wool.

TYGERBEARS, THUTHUZELA and CANSA CARE are once again appealing for instant noodles and cup-a-soup, peanut butter, coffee and tea. Toiletries including roll-on deodorant and personal hygiene products are an ongoing request.

PANTRY CUPBOARD

We are making an appeal for non-perishable food items for our pantry cupboard. If you can help please deliver to the church office.

THANK YOU.

DMC BANKING DETAILS - MCSA Durbanville Society, Standard Bank, Tyger Manor, Branch Code: 050410, Account Number: 275125750.

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