



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

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MINISTER'S NOTE

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In the face of a suffering and broken world, belief in divine care and protection is hard to come by. It is not surprising that some people think that God is decidedly unhelpful and, rather than providing protection, is allowing suffering to continue, often in ways that leave us in sadness, shock, despair, and horror. These experiences are difficult to face because the unsustainability of the present systems of power, goods, and access are destructive to the very world we most want to inhabit, and they yield a view that "it is every man for himself" and "you are on your own."

Today we begin a journey with Job, a man who is an epitome of suffering and is presented in the Scriptures as a man of integrity who is faithful to God. It is ironic and challenging to our faith that Job suffered because of his uprightness, not his disobedience to God. A question that is in many people's minds is: Where is God when we suffer?

In the midst of suffering, let us remember that God's loyalty to God's creation is much bigger than we can imagine. This is the God who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or think (Ephesians 3: 20). Together with our home, the earth, we have hope for the future because we belong to God, as the Psalmist says: "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;" (Psalm 24: 1).

May God bless you,
Vuyelwa.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & SUNDAY YOUTH

Sunday School is continuing to meet during the holidays.

PS Does anyone have dolls (Barbie-size) to donate to the pre-school JAM Club? They have been given a lovely doll's house, but have no unbroken dolls. The children rush to play there but are always disappointed.

DMC FAMILY NEWS - PRAYER

Vuyelwa Ntshinga's mother, Betty McMaster, Elise Van Der Spoel, Hester Heukelman's family

SOCIAL CONCERNS CONTINUED BIRTHDAY & OTHER GREETING CARDS

Available at the office. R5 each.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Available at the office, R15.00 for a pack of 5.
Funds go to FIA.

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

BIRTHDAYS

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

Janine Reyneke	3 October
Micaela Christians	3 October
David Talbot-Bowe	4 October
Stella Calverley	4 October
Berne Nightingale	4 October
Gavin Miller	5 October
Andrew Boake	5 October
Lucille Beeforth	6 October
Denzil McGregor	6 October
Christine Van Den Berg	6 October
Catharina Mestichelli	7 October
Toni Howard	7 October
Wendy Lee	7 October
Denice Tregurtha	8 October
Grace Adom-Aboagye	9 October
Michael Gates	9 October

SERVICE & GENEROSITY - SOCIAL CONCERNS

MES - MEAL VOUCHERS

Please help support MES by buying soup kitchen tickets - R50 a booklet or R5 per meal voucher and handing them out to the homeless. Tickets are available at the church office.

MES - SHOPPING BAGS

We are making an appeal for any clean plastic shopping bags. The Centre of Hope staff are going to teach their less privileged folk to crochet shoppers out of plastic strips from the bags. Please deliver to the church office.



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.

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