IN THE NAME OF JESUS



One day I went walking with Jabu and came across a little wounded bird. It had flown into a notice board and was stunned. I held the little bird and gradually it became stronger and was able to fly again. The week before I had been asked if I would lead a retreat for some Afrikaans women and a story I felt God asked me to say was about Jean Vanier who was asked how we should help wounded people. He said its like holding a little wounded bird in your hand – not too open so that it falls off, not too tight as this will kill the bird but just so that it can flap its wings and get stronger. I explained that the retreat was like this – God holding us in His hands so that we could heal. The happening with the little bird a week later was very profound, as I felt God saying I am holding you and it's what I am asking you to do for the people I give you; like the little bird hold them so that they can gain strength and fly.



Being held in God's Hands

Three of the young girls we have started working with on a Saturday morning. Here wrapped in blankets donated by a knitting group held at an old aged home. These blankets signify being wrapped in the prayers of the ladies who knit and pray as they make the blankets.



Two more of the girls holding up the butterflies they created after watching 'Hermie' the common caterpillar. They loved the film and learned that God made them just as they are, that they can have a relationship with God and that He hasn't finished with them yet – they are emerging like the butterfly.



Some of you will remember Lourane who was very sick when we found her. We have not visited for many months now as she was stronger and we had secured a grant for her. Her daughter Susie was looking after her. We decided to go and see how she was -Lourane is doing well and was very happy to see us. Susie had a child (pictured here). But unfortunately Susie became very sick and they had lost our contact no. She eventually died aged 24years. Lourane's other 3 children are well.



New ladies . Elizabeth (L) and daughter Nthabiseng (R) with baby Bonang in the middle. Elizabeth is about to start treatment for cancer.



Sophie is a lady we have been visiting for a few months now. She does not speak English. Recently she became very sick and we prayed for healing. Immediately she regained strength and was able to get up and walk again. I noticed the picture in the photo on her shelf and she said in sesotho 'I don't know what it says but I liked it and so brought it home.' We were able to talk to her about Jesus and His power which had healed her – the words saying Jesus is the answer to all problems. Before this she didn't want to talk about God.

PRAYER IS LIKE THE HANDS OF GOD, HOLDING US. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO PRAY FOR US. WITHOUT PRAYER THIS MINISTRY WOULD HAVE ENDED, WOULD BE INEFFECTIVE AND WOULD NOT HAVE THE PRESENCE OF GOD. MORE AND MORE I KNOW THAT I NEED THE HELP OF GOD. MORE AND MORE I AM AWARE THAT GODS HANDS ARE HOLDING ME AND I AM GRATEFUL. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY – SOMETIMES WHAT WE FEEL IS THE WEAKEST PRAYER IS THE MOST POWERFUL AND GOD HEARS AND ACTS IN AN AMAZING WAY. THE PEOPLE HERE WANT SPIRITUAL FOOD BECAUSE THEY KNOW THAT WITHOUT GOD THEY WILL NOT SURVIVE. MAY GOD BE GLORIFIED THROUGH THEM.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Thanks for the work You have given Lord to Emily, Abraham, Daniel and Maria, we continue to trust in You Lord for work for those we have prayed for, for work.

Thanks for the reassurance and encouragement from Bishop Stephen here in Bloemfontein

God's Presence in all we do His guidance, wisdom and discernment Strength to go on

Relationships with the dioceses of Free State and Blackburn For times of rest and refreshment

For people to look beyond us and to put their faith in Jesus For protection

For Elizabeth to be cured

For the young girls to know Jesus as their Saviour – for trust For Gladys and I as we work together to teach the girls For the protection of the girls – they live in desperate places For security for Gladys in her faith and life

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