



# Skogheim News

Serving His People - Serving Him

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## A Morning to Remember

by Gloria Tarboton

### VERSE FOR THE QUARTER

But thank God ...  
He uses us to  
spread the  
knowledge of  
Christ everywhere  
like sweet  
perfume. Our lives  
are a Christlike  
fragrance rising  
up to God...

2 Cor 2:14 - 15

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Our church Bible study was thrilled to accept an invitation from Skogheim to visit their Prayer Garden. After a few weeks wait for a clear Tuesday at last the sun was shining and the group was in high spirits.

A warm welcome awaited us with a short orientation to the morning's activities. Looking across the vast stretch of ground we began to grasp that this is a long term project - the wild, natural grounds continue to be cleared to make this a haven of tranquility.



Our stop could have been anywhere along the route - there were perfect places to sit and spend a restful moment or even an hour or two. The carved Scripture verses were an unexpected pleasure and underlined for us the purpose of this garden to bring glory to God. Our only disappointment was our limited time - a full day

would have been perfect.

The evidence of hard work, love and good planning were clear. The perfect weather added to the beauty all around and my heart was filled with praise and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father. I could almost see verse 12 of Isaiah 55 describing our day so well, *"For we shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands..."* Well we experienced the truth of Ms. Gurney's poem 'God's Garden' - *"One is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth"*.

Our destination was a beautiful grassed clearing. For our comfort and convenience, (no doubt due to our age), chairs had been arranged under two gazebos! Here we had the opportunity to discover the truth for ourselves as we read and re-read Psalm 91. Using Precept Ministries lightening study we discovered the answer to finding peace in the midst of trouble or terror. We saw what to do when we are

in turmoil but above all we saw what God would do. Many experienced the Presence of God in that quiet moment.



The warmth and care expressed towards us by the staff did not end there! They provided us with a scrumptious tea served right on the spot! What a wonderful feast and time of fellowship we enjoyed!

This precious opportunity to visit the prayer garden, will remain in my memory forever. I was inspired in my prayer life and had the opportunity to find peace and rest, strength and solace from the storms of life as I viewed His natural world and drew nearer to God. You will leave refreshed. **We did!**

# Impilo neqiniso

*“Impilo crew in full swing as they run new camps.... for first timers”*

Over the past few months the InQ crew have been operating in full swing running camps and programmes for first time schools and organisations. We are learning more about the needs of the local youth and their sponsors as well as the most efficient and effective ways of running our programs. We are proud to say that we no longer have to rely on the conference facilities at Skogheim as we are now able to run full youth camps between Tent city and the 'Pav'. Our standard programmes are ever changing, customised



**Campers in action!  
Speed Stacking**

according to the development needs of the youth attending. We run Speed-Stacking workshops and have successfully experimented with other outdoor activities. External speakers are invited to speak during different programs. They are always excited for the opportunity to share the Word of God with our countries most precious resource, our youth.

Two very successful parts of our program are the Proudly South

African Genesis Care Centre visit (where campers perform traditional song and dance for AIDS patients) and the Vegetable Bag garden project (where youth learn how to grow their own vegies with little resources).

**Pray** with us for the remaining development needed: a stairway, drainage and awnings before the summer rains hit & replacement of our solar lighting equipment that was stolen.

**Please pray** for guidance as we start preparations

for next year & for relationships we are nurturing with the schools and youth organisations in the local area.

Campers bless AIDS patients with their Proudly South African performance.



# Get to Know Our Staff



**Lesley Brauteseth**  
Front Office Manager

First introduced to Skogheim as a 16 yr old, Lesley well remembers her first day as a camper, arriving after a 10 hour trip from the East rand, with Mr. Brauteseth as the "bus driver." Memories of those camps remain: the amazing sized homemade bread that filled a side plate, group night walks to the beach, singing choruses until hoarse, times of prayer and devotions in our "dorms". Little did she know that many years later, in February 2007 she would be living and working at Skogheim welcoming new guests and old friends to a place of peace and time spent with our Saviour.

Shortly after beginning

work at Skogheim helping groups to plan and prepare for their conferences Lesley was overwhelmed with a sense of peace. She listened to a group praying and singing and knew that 'here is where I can serve God and His people.'

Her favourite portions of Scripture are the Psalms, with Psalm 27:1-4 being a great encouragement to her.

Family is very important to Lesley and on days off she visits family and catches up with friends. With 4 adult children, spread around Africa from Cape Town to Dubai, and 3 grandsons she is never short of people & places to visit. Lesley loves to sew, read and listen to music. **Pray** for her & her family as she serves and ministers to God's people here at Skogheim.

*"A family is a place where principles are hammered and honed on the anvil of everyday living."*

*Chuck Swindoll*

## On the Wild Side

*Haliaeetus vocifer*  
African Fish Eagle

As it's name suggests this beautiful bird of prey feeds largely on fish. However this is not it's only diet and it will readily eat other forms of carrion including other birds. In fact there are many other species that have a higher percentage of fish in their diet. A mating pair of these majestic birds can often be heard calling and flying high above Skogheim. In flight it is easy to distinguish the male from the female as her wingspan is almost 2 feet longer than the male's.





Our mission is to create an environment that:  
*Presents the Biblical Truths of Jesus Christ,*  
*Develops Christian Leadership,*  
*Strengthens the faith of individuals and families*  
*and Promotes world evangelism*

striving at all times for excellence and effectiveness in servanthood

## Prayer & Praise

### PRAISE:

- 1) God - He alone is the Source of Life in all of daily living, the One we work for & witness of.
- 2) Unexpected opportunities for witnessing and ministry while serving.
- 3) For groups who bring new families in Christ, seeking to build the family in God's way.
- 4) For the contracts into local schools and the interest that is growing for the Impilo programme.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) Pray for **our staff**, that they learn to know God more and live in obedience to Him.
- 2) Pray for incoming youth groups, **that their leaders will hold to God's truth and discipleship** in changing times.
- 3) **Funding** for Impilo Camps.
- 4) God's timing & persons who will be **contacts** in establishing the Impilo ministry in & through local schools.
- 5) For **more guests** to come and make effective use of the facilities we have in order to deepen their walk with the

Lord. **Pray** also that those who come will experience an awakening passion for their calling in Christ.

6) For our **Chairman and his family**, for God's comfort and peace as they grieve the death of their youngest son Jonathan.

On Him we have set our hope  
 ... as you help us by your prayers.  
 2 Cor. 1v10b&11

### SEPTEMBER

2-4 CMA (KZN) Faith Rally  
 9-11 Cottage Patch Quilters  
 16-18 Church of the Harvest Men; United Pentecostal Church Ladies; High Calling Ministries; UGU Schools leadership camp  
 23-25 Covenant Fellowship Church International Men  
 28-30 SU/South City Youth

### OCTOBER

30-2 Full Gosp. Ch. Kokstad Men  
 Khayelihle Evang. Lutheran Ch.  
 7-9 Church of the Harvest Ladies; Bethesda Worship Centre Ladies; AFM Power Centre Ladies; New Jerusalem

Fellowship Family Camp  
 10-11 AFM Durban Central Region Pastors Network  
 14-16 NGK Margate Youth Confirmation; Inner City Ministries; Gates of Praise Youth  
 21-23 Miracle Ministries S.S. Pinetown Baptist Scrappers; Coastlands Herlewing Couples; Jubilee Ministries; AFM Pinetown Centre Couples  
 25-26 AFM SC Pastors Conf.  
 22-30 SAEM Pastors Conf.

### NOVEMBER

4-6 KZN Baptist Women Conf.; Grace Outreach Church Ladies  
 5-13 Willowcreek Mission Team  
 11-13 NSC Family Camp  
 18-20 Trinity Mission Ladies  
 19 Oslo Beach Assembly SS  
 25-27 Pinetown Chr. Fell. Ch Men; Tehillah Life Centre

### DECEMBER

2-5 Ziphakamise Zimele Camp  
 6-9 Impilo Catch U'r Fire Camp  
 10-15 Methodist YL's Training  
 15-18 Ebenezer Family Camp  
 16-18 United Congreg. Ch. Youth  
 28-3 Riverlea Baptist Church; Maranatha Ministries Fam. Camp