



Carter Family Newsletter

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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

At 6am on Easter Sunday morning we woke the boys, got them dressed and set off in the car for St James' Beach, about 10 minutes down the road from us. We joined with over a 100 others from King of King's Church in a short act of worship as the sun rose over the sea. It was an amazing sight and a great way to celebrate the risen Christ.



*Craft at
holiday
Club*

MASI HOLIDAY CLUB

For the second week of the Easter Holidays, holiday clubs were run in each of the areas that Living Hope works in. There was a programme for the younger children in the mornings and the teenagers in the afternoons. The theme for the week for the younger children was 'Jesus is My Helper' with each day focussing on one of Jesus' miracles. The teenagers' programme was focussed on leaders in the Bible.

As well as the school age children that normally come to afternoon club, the children from the pre schools that Living Hope works with were also invited to attend with their teachers. On the first day, 247 children came to holiday club! It was quite a spectacle as more and more children arrived. Needless to say, the craft ran out but we had enough food to give all the children something and they had a great time playing games and learning about Jesus calming the storm.

The next two days were more manageable but still with nearly 150 children each day. On Thursday we played circle games outside on the rough ground in front of the Baptist Church where we meet. It was wonderful to see this enormous circle of children outside in their community singing and playing fun games.

There is a really good group of teenagers who come to afternoon club and around 40 came to holiday club. Several of them also came in the mornings to help with the younger children and really made a difference. They were great at organising the children and acting as translators for us.

As well as the club programme on Thursday, we also had hygiene day. Every child had their hands, faces, hair and feet washed as well as nails trimmed. Several of the girls also came out with new hair styles! Again, the teenage girls were fantastic and patiently sat and washed child after child.

On Friday it rained heavily nearly all morning and so we had very few children. It felt very different but was lovely to have a smaller number and for them to have an abundance of stickers to use for craft and lots of sandwiches to take home. It was an exhausting but great week!



*Hygiene
Day at
Club*

MOTHER'S SUPPORT GROUP

After much planning, writing and meeting, the Support Group for HIV mothers is due to start on 22nd May. We have delivered a lesson to the Local facilitators who will be teaching the lessons, initially with our support. In the next couple of

weeks we will be training them in the first block of six lessons. We have toys ready for the babies to play with and packs ready for the mum's. It is exciting to finally be at this stage!



The boys getting ready for their races.

TWO OCEANS MARATHON

The Two Oceans is an ultra marathon 56km long (just over 34 miles). Over 11,000 people enter and its slogan is 'the most beautiful marathon in the world' which is probably right. The route starts at the University of Cape Town and goes along much of the coast line. It goes through the centre of Fish Hoek before setting off for the coast on the opposite side of the mountain.

The day before the race a series of fun runs are held. We entered Matthew for the 56m Nappy Dash for 0-3yr olds, the only criteria being that they can walk. Ben did the Toddler Trot for 4-6 yr olds which was 300m long. There were about 300 competitors in each of their runs and they used the same finish as the main marathon the next day. They both had a proper race number to pin on to their t shirts and at the finish they received a Two Oceans medal. They both did really well and it was great fun.

42 DAYS TO THE WORLD CUP

The countdown to the World Cup is really on and Kevin is working really hard to pull together the plans for both the Living Hope and King of Kings programmes running during the four week school holiday in June and July. Whilst both programmes will run separately, all the children will join together for a festival on the 9th July. Kevin is putting together a team of coaches to deliver the soccer clinics in each of the four areas that Living Hope works and is also trying to find touring teams from other Christian Organisations to help

run multi-sport sessions and help with the rest of the holiday club programme.



U20s tournament that we watched at the World Cup Stadium – Cape Town

DAWN'S PARENTS ARRIVE

Dawn's parents were due to fly out on April 20th but were caught up in the volcanic ash situation and found out on their way to the airport that their flight had been cancelled. Fortunately they were able to re-book for the following Saturday and have now been with us for week. They are staying in the cottage next to ours and the boys have great fun visiting Grandma and Grandpa (and cleaning their cottage for them!) Next week we are all off on holiday along part of the Garden Route for a week which we are really looking forward to.

Things to give thanks for:

- The opportunity to be part of holiday club at Masi and that so many children came.
- For the opportunities presented by the World Cup holiday programmes.
- For the progress made with the support group for mothers.

Prayer needs:

- For commitment from volunteers to be part of the coaching squad for the World Cup holiday and for visiting teams to partner with Living Hope and King of Kings.
- For a successful launch to the mothers' support group on 22nd May.
- For a safe and enjoyable holiday.

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