

Hi dear FRIENDS,

A WARM WELCOME AWAITING

Well! Our new larger ministry area is "useable" now but not yet complete. We have lots of lounge seating and a huge, old kitchen table **waiting to welcome you all**. Bible Study will resume in February

My son and family will leave on the 3rd of February and then we'll need to paint the walls and do the lounge floor.



Linda, me, Hein & Alex -

TOMORROW - 24th January

Friend Richard will go with Gertjan to the **New Brighton Court** where there will be a **mediation** concerning the **assault** on his eye and damage to his bakkie from last month.



We're hoping that the man will pay for the damage on Gj's car, the doctor's bill and that he will go to anger management sessions.



Yesterday Gj hit his head as he stood up at work and had to be driven to IOD to have 3 stitches - oi !

BLESSING

A friend from long ago used to say, "*where the devil's a messin', there's always a blessing!*"

In other words "*if he is messing with me, there must be a blessing on the way that he's trying to stop - so, devil "make my day" 'cause **God is gonna bless me** 😊*"

Gj has been bearing much fruit for the Kingdom at work through his life's witness and daily bible studies during lunch hour - very proud of my husband for being so faithful to God, and unashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

MINISTRY KICK START

On the first Sunday of the month I ministered a message in church called "FOCUS" which is my WORD FOR THE YEAR.

The message was basically about:-



* **focusing on people**, hearing what they're REALLY saying or needing and ESPECIALLY

* **focusing on God**, hearing what He is saying to me or needing me to do, or how He wants me to respond in situations.

Stephen Furtick quotes:-

"we always want God to fix our problems - but what if God wants to change our perspective/focus?"

He says:-

*"Like if you **focus on the whole Egyptian army** in their chariots coming after you, you're gonna die - but if you **focus on God**, He'll show you a way through the water"*

BETTER THAN A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION 😊

I'm challenging all my friends to choose a WORD FOR THE YEAR - a word that would be prophetic for 2018 😊

KAY'S 94th

What a **privilege** to be invited to speak at my dear friend Kay's 94th birthday celebration!



Her body "isn't co-operating" so well, but her mind is sharp and her spirit alive to the Spirit of God!

One senses that you are in the presence of greatness when you are in a home group where the youngest is 80 and the eldest 94.
Women of God, full of faith and in love with Jesus Christ.



Our beloved **MAY ENERSON** would have been there to do the overhead for me, but she was in "God's waiting room" on Friday - and she went to be with the Lord a week later.

While lying in Lapa Munick, she told her daughter "I hope this isn't going to drag on because I want to go Home 😊"

We will sorely miss this amazing lady. Her last message on Facebook to her daughter was this - it kind of confirmed my "WORD FOR THE YEAR"

REST

Allow God to restore, replenish and refocus your heart and mind.

I still intend to continue to **minister to the elderly**, even though GJ's folks have gone Home already. I am still doing visits, giving the love of Jesus to those who are many times "forgotten ☹"

Our friends in **RUSSIA** still keep contact - I pray for them over whatsapp and skype, messages on facebook and of course we send financial support.



Oxana's one son has "gone wayward" & things are always hard working with addicts, especially with very little financial support.

Nina's chest is so painful from coughing for weeks already -and many more who are struggling.

THANK YOU BELOVEDS for being part of our lives -
 THANK YOU for who you are and the input you guys
 pour into us - we value each and every one of you!

So many of our friends have suffered LOSS over the last year - loss of work, loss of loved ones, loss of finances, accidents - it is quite overwhelming. Many are suffering and I'm so thankful for the family of God so we can come alongside one another - gird one another up - give love and support.

I think of Job's friends, how they had such compassion on him in his suffering for a while but then, when the suffering goes on too long - they start criticising, judging and giving their opinions

I believe that we are living in the last days - times will be hard - but
let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart Galatians 6:9

WE NEED EACH OTHER. I end off with a grateful heart for friends like you who take time to read what I want to share with you, for showing interest in His calling on our lives and for your support which comes in so many forms.

Much love, Gertjan and Judy

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