



17th March 2010

RE: SCHEDULE FOR ANDY'S SOUTH AFRICA TRIP MARCH/APRIL 2010 AND ITEMS FOR PRAYER

Hi to all my Friends,

Hope you are all well. I just want to thank you all for your Prayers and support in every way, I really do appreciate you all.

Bellow I have put down some information of my whereabouts, the locations I will be in and item's to take to the Lord in prayer whilst I'm in South Africa. Note some Dates may change. I know that this is a little lengthy but I wanted to be comprehensive with information, trying to paint a clearer picture for you all, giving you some idea of distances, areas and people we have worked with in the past and are working with now. Also some of you may be new to what we are doing. Please don't feel you have to read it all at once, you could read it and pray on the appropriate days highlighted in red & subjects/persons etc in bold. Also please pass this on to anyone else you know who may be interested, or to friends who you think I may have left out or have not got their details. Thank You.

Eastern Cape

Mgezwa/Lusikisiki (where I lived for a year in 2004/05)

Mon 15/03 – 21/03: Spending time with Monde, Eric, & Victoria & their Families. (Pastors and leaders in this area)

1. Also visiting **Mama Maxhakana** (Widowed Lady, HIV positive with approx **10ish Children** of all ages) we started her **small shop business** with her early in 2008. I have heard that business is hard as now there are many other small shops opening around her, these shops are also selling alcohol this attracts more business, but she won't get involved in selling alcohol as she is a Christian & there are big problems in the villages with alcohol consumption. Therefore her business is suffering or this is one of the reasons at least. Please pray as my visit is very important and her business means a lot to her. God help us. How can we help?
2. Visiting the **Family with the fence** that the **11 to 14year olds at Luton Christian Fellowship** funded in September 2008. This family is one of Eric's neighbours, Eric's village is the next village down from Mgeswa and they virtually join (would take about 30mins to walk to his house across pasture land). This family with the fence are very poor and it is good for us to stay in touch, but also to monitor this project for further reference. It's great to just go and see and pray with friends who we have been able to work with and help on their way. Praise God.
3. I will visit **Nomalizo's Mama, Sisters & Family**. I have heard that Nomalizo's sister is very ill. (Nomalizo, Our friend who we helped while she was dying of HIV/AIDs, building her family the house etc in 2004/05). Very poor. Always hard visiting any of these friends as many of them have big needs. But in those days I spent with Nomalizo as she died in poverty, I saw her praising God nearly the whole time. A memory I cannot forget and that has changed me. I praise God for her and her story. She is dancing in glory now with her Lord.
4. And you never know I may bump into **Syabonga & his Brothers & Sister** (who we started the Chicken Business with in 2004) but his home would take about 45mins to drive to) He lives the furthest from town. Note: Generally the further you live from town the harder life is and the poorer you can be. (Well this has been my observation). Monde lives appx 30mins drive from town then Eric and then Syabonga's village is furthest at about an hour away. But travelling on taxis increases journey times.

EASTERN CAPE cont

UMTHATHA

21/03 – 05/04: This is the old administrative town of the Transkei Homelands, it was the Transkei in the Apartheid years but now Umthatha is incorporated into the new Eastern Cape province, it is not the capital anymore but is still a big hub in a vast rural area, and accommodates much trading and so during the day the town slowly fills up to a frenzied level (a hive of activity). The Eastern Cape Province is a huge area and is home to some of the poorest in S.Africa who are manly Xhosa. It is also the home to Nelson Mandela. It will take me approximately 3 hours to reach from Mondes Mission.

1. **CLIVE, ZOLISWA & FAMILY & TMAT:** Some of you may remember Clive and Zoliswa, They are out here starting a Childrenø Village with **TIMOTHY MISSION TO AFRICAN TOWNSHIPS (TMAT)** a UK based charity that I am also a Trustee of. Clive is English and Zoliswa is Xhosa and are married with two young children. They will be returning to the UK this summer after the Childrenø Village has been handed over to the local community where there are approximately 700 orphans. We Outreach Across Africa (OAA) have been supporting this project finically through T.M.A.T and I have always spent time with them, visiting the project. We must pray for this whole project, the leaders of T.M.A.T, Clive, Zoliswa and their Family at this time during the hand over and the Familyø return to the UK. They have been doing Godø work in very difficult situations at times. Praise God For Them. The whole Family are very good friends to me now.
2. **22/03 – 25/03. HEALTH COURSE:** This is a very exciting project. We are funding an established group of retired Nurses etc that come recommended to us (**The Peoples Light**). This project in short incorporates 4 days of teaching for approximately 40 people in rural areas. The course includes basic Healthcare teaching and a first aid module. This has proven to be very beneficial over the years. Please pray for transport and accommodation during this period for me. Please pray that Clive and Zoliswa can attend as Clive has taught on this course in the past. (He is a Nurse). Many people have come to Jesus on this course. We pray that more will be saved. Please pray as there is much preparation for this course, and many things that need to come together. It is an amazing thing that we can work with these poor people in such an amazing and practical way. I thank God so much for this opportunity.
3. **02/04 - 04/04. EASTER CONVENTION:** A get-together of many people from across the rural areas. This is organised by the church I am staying with, in the Eastern Cape at this time, **Anointed Voice of Africa Church**. Please pray that many will come to the Lord.
4. **GENERAL INFO:** Umathatha is normally very populated, I will be staying in a new Mission, the mission is on the outskirts of Umthatha. During this whole period I will be living some distance from Clive and Zoliswa, I do rely on them for their help in lots of ways, but this could be hampered in a number of ways, two of which are the distance I will be staying from them, and the fact that they have been without their 4x4 for much of the time ever since the armed robbers damaged the vehicle last year, during the time Clive was shot and injured. Please Prayer for Gods Will to be done. Maybe He has another plan for me.

KWA-ZULU-NATAL

BACK TO DURBAN BRIEFLY

05/04 – 11/04: Kwa- Zulu-Natal is the province to the north of the Eastern Cape where Durban is located.

1. This time I am a little unsure of but slowly it is coming together. I travel back to Durban on the **05/04**. And then go to **Wade Woods** in the Valley of a Thousand Hills. I will probably stay with Wade for 3 nights. He lives about 45 mins inland from Durban, (West). I have visited him on a number of occasions now. We met him through Clive & Zoliswa, his brother runs Lilly of the Valley, the childrenø Village where C&Z stayed in their first year, for three months. Wade is very business minded and at present **Wade, his Wife Felicity** has been asked to assess and sort out a failing but operating Orphanage. I think that he is an important contact for our future. He made the Drawings for our Church Project. They are good friends to me now. We must pray for them and their two children in their work for the Lord.

2. My time in Durban also allows me to meet up with my good friend **Vusi**. **Vusi** spent Seven years on the streets; he is a real man of God that has taught me much about Faith in our Lord. During those years he says God moulded him and his Character, God told him never to get food from the bins or beg, that wasn't what God wanted for **Vusi**. But during these days of no food **Vusi** would just assume that God wanted him to fast and pray, sometimes fasting for very long periods of time and only ending the fast when on some occasions he would wake to find food left next to him. Praise God for the hard times that we have to endure, when God can mould and strengthen us. Then we become more Christ like, but only if we lean on him in these times. We must trust our Lord totally for everything and in all things.
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GREYTOWN

SHALOM FELLOWSHIP

12/04 – 22/04: This period of time will be a mixture of things. This is a very busy time at **Shalom** due to the Mighty Men's Conference that will be held at this time.

1. I will be spending time with **Marc and Mandy Poree and Family**, Marc is the Senior Pastor on the farm at **Shalom Greytown**. Marc's brother Ian Poree who attends my Church **Luton Christian Fellowship (LCF)** introduced us to them. I will be spending time also with **Lauren Cawood the Nurse** that Shalom Fellowship employs, and also visiting the Township/Shanty Town (**Lindelani**) that they work into. Also visiting the Pre-School that they run. Just to remind you that we are presently providing them with £60 per/month towards the wages of Lauren the Nurse and the **Pre-School Teacher**. Also there are other longer term projects that Marc has shown me in the rural areas that they have plans for. We are up for reviewing the £60 per/month very soon, and I suppose it goes without saying that when you see projects that are being managed so well like these, it would always be our wish to give more.
 2. **MMC**. Yes the **Mighty Men's Conference** on the **16, 17 & 18th of March**. The last one apparently, and what an honour to be able to attend this, Listening to God's voice and praising God with many Men, I have heard from a number of people here that they believe there may be up to 400,000 men this time. To remind you that at the front of the **MMC Ministry** is **Angus Buchan (Faith Like Potatoes)**.
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DURBAN

23/04 – 29/04: Please pray for this time. Amongst other things I will be putting the first 2010 News Letter together for editing, printing & distributing on my return. Then my Flight departing Durban on **29/04** in the evening and arriving back at Heathrow on the **30/04**.

Note: If any of you want to help (just a little or a lot it doesn't matter) with the next Mail shot of the next 2010 News Letter and/or help at the next **Outreach Across Africa Meeting** or any other quires, you can leave your contact details at this e-mail address andygroome2000@yahoo.com or speak to Ali or Nigel Reynolds, Anthony Moore or Nikke Ojo at LCF and leave your details with them.

Praise God for this trip and for all the people whose paths I will cross. Thank God that he has enabled this trip to happen, we pray that His Will will be done with all that He wants us involved in and all that we do. We pray for God's Blessings on all we are striving to accomplish in his Name. We pray for God's Will to be done with all of us who love him. (And all who don't).

Thanks for reading all of this and thank you for your Prayers. God Bless. Andy Groome

Remember: Proverbs chpt 3 verses 5, 6, 7 & 8. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

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