

Dear Friends

It is hard to believe that we are already into August, the 8th month, two thirds of the year has already passed by. Before we know where we are it will be Christmas again! We have so many things to share with you. God has been so good!

Two weeks ago we had a Men's Meeting at City Hill Church in Hillcrest, Durban and once again we saw an amazing harvest of souls! We thank God for one of our Trustees, Eric Tocknell, and his team, Peter Rasmussen and Wayne Marshall, who organised it. Very rarely before have I seen such a tangible evidence of the manifestation of the Holy Ghost. It was wonderful to remember that the Lord is the same, yesterday, today and forevermore, Heb.13:8.

My very exciting news is that I am a grandfather once again! Our middle daughter, Robyn, gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, Tyler James. We now have seven grandsons and two granddaughters. What a blessing that is, indeed I feel so rich! Those are the promises of God of course, not because I am a good man but because I am a believer.

As I speak to you now, the new book 'Nobodies' is about to be released. I can't wait to hold the first copy in my hand, it always feels like a new member of the family! I have just been speaking to FC Hamman who reassures me that the editing of the film 'Ordinary People' is almost completed. I am so excited to see that movie! One of my spiritual sons, Frans Cronje, is busy with 'Faith like Potatoes 2' and we are anxiously awaiting the commencement of that movie which we hope will do that same thing that the first one did.

We are going through an extremely cold winter, 4-5 degrees below zero a week or two ago and frost like snow on the farm. I am really excited about it because these are the seasons that I remember when I first came to South Africa as a young man. In order to have a good summer, you have to have a good winter. How is it in your life at the moment? Are you going through a winter time? If you answer yes, then obviously there is going to be a great summer ahead of you and I really mean that with all my heart.

I went through quite an ordeal last Friday when I was caught in a storm, a freezing icy storm where the turbulence was of such a nature that I have never experienced in over 30 years of flying! I thank God for our pilots, Dirk and Ettiene, who were right on top of it, but we hit a brick wall literally and when the plane started to ice up we had to backtrack to King Shaka airport in Durban. I was actually on my way to Oudtshoorn to go and pray and be with the farmers who are taking tremendous pressure from the fact that the ostrich market, locally and internationally, has imploded because of the terrible bird flu that is decimating the national flock. Please keep the people of Oudtshoorn in your prayers. I was so disappointed that I couldn't make the meeting but our two spiritual sons, Joe Niemand and Julius Magan, and our spiritual daughter, Lindie Gouws, were there and apparently it was an amazing meeting with close on 10,000 people present. We realise that God is no respecter of persons, He will use any man, woman, boy or girl, who puts their hand up for Him. It is such an honour to be a believer.

Please, if you are going through a winter time in your life at the moment, a time of testing, don't

always think that it is sin in your life. I have a real problem with that accusation, made by many teachers and leaders. I can tell you that Jesus Christ was without sin or blemish or spot and yet He suffered more than any man who has ever lived.

My dear friend, remember that we are in a war! It is a spiritual war and it is intensifying by the hour! The righteous will become more righteous and more holy, and the evil more evil and darker. The Lord Jesus Christ is coming very soon. He says 'Hold on, keep the faith, run the race and finish the fight', because He is with us. There were times in that plane that I really thought that I was going to die but there was a peace deep in my heart, knowing that whatever was going to take place, the Lord would not leave or forsake me.

Please keep our intercessor, one of the generals in the Shalom army, Peggy O'Niell, in your prayers as she has also been through a very rough and tough time. I am prepared for whatever happens. I know that she can say like Paul, 'for me to live is Christ, and to die is gain', Phil.1:21. That should be the prayer on every one of our lips. We should be living so that we are ready to go home at any minute.

May God bless you richly as you keep everything intact and ready for the big move - but until then, let us keep on keeping on for Christ!

Yours in His service

Angus & Jill and the Shalom team