

Newsletter



Living in
The life of
Christ!

We seek to reveal the love, grace and life of Christ to those who have suffered from confused sexuality, broken relationships, addiction and abuse, equipping churches to do the same."

Welcome!

It is a great joy to bring you this inaugural edition of our newsletter. We have decided that it would be wise to limit publication to one per season, and so we begin the life of this little newsletter during winter. Interesting that... Nature has been busy preparing for this time during autumn, and now it submits to winter and the instinct to recover, to rest, to simply be....Life continues, but more quietly, less obviously. Life can take many forms – from the excited song of birds in spring to the quiet snores of hibernating animals in winter. Our hope is that you will find, in each edition, the many the kinds of Life that Christ brings.

This first letter is full of information that we hope will be useful if you need to navigate your way around our ministry in South Africa. You'll meet the board and the director, scrutinize our financial affairs, hear the latest news and find general info on services that we offer to the local church.

Besides signaling winter, June also means that we are now half way through this year, and so planning is already underway for next year! 2010 is terribly significant. Not only does it mark the World Cup Soccer, but it is also Living Waters South Africa's **Tenth Anniversary!** We are so grateful for all that Christ has brought about in this time and we have some wonderful celebratory ideas.....so watch this space!

Also, the 2010 National Training at Mt. Carmel (George) has been booked for the following dates: Sun 14th March to Sat 20th March. Bookings open in July and early bird specials will be available. For more information email val@livingwaterssa.org.za

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Experiencing "God Things"!



The Chapel at Mt Carmel at this years training

"If I were to use a single word to describe the last 6 months, it would have to be *explosive!* My expectations for this year have already been far surpassed. I am amazed at how God takes a small vision and begins turning it into something that is so beyond us. In this, our "inaugural" newsletter, I thought I would share with you just some of the God-things that we have been experiencing. There have been, and continue to be, many tough moments for Living Waters SA (I am sure, for you as well), but if we don't choose to remember when we saw God, we have no reason to choose life when we can't see Him. So, to remember..."

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Left to Right: Craig Groome (National Director), Len Deacon (Co-Coordinator in Cape Town) Toni Dolfo Smith (National Director for Canada)

"In March this year we held our 2009 Healing/Training Week and it was truly a week beyond our expectations. We had 84 people there (I think that there were probably only about 6 beds empty), including 8 pastors! Added to that, we were able to raise R27 000.00 in support for people who couldn't afford to pay for the training week! It was also great to have Toni Dolfo-Smith (international director for Living Waters) as well as worship leaders from Canada, Tim and Sheila Davidson, with us for the week."



The National Training "Team"

"It was up and going again as soon as the training week was over with a conference in Rustenburg in April. We had nearly 120 people attend a 2-day conference at Revival Center. I was overwhelmed by the hospitality, receptiveness, and desperate need that was there. It looks good that LWSA will be doing more work there between now and the end of the year, and we are praying that we are able to run programs there in the new year. This was such an answer to prayer as LWSA aims to have Living Waters represented in one town/city of all nine provinces in the next 5 years. Durban began work at the end of last year, and now Rustenburg this year, which gives us representation now in 5 of the 9 provinces!"

"In May I was able to take a trip over 2 weeks to Durban, PE, and Cape Town, in order to spend time with the coordinators of those regions. It has been fantastic to share in their lives and get to know them more deeply. I have loved the opportunity to spend time with these men and women as it affords us the time to make our relationship about more than just ministry. Being with them has been of great benefit to me and them, and through this we learn to grow as disciples. This particular trip has been on my heart since last year, and it was so fulfilling to put it into practice. My hope is that LWSA will be in a position to release me to be able to do this more in the future, so please pray for the resources.

Talking about resources...we continue to see God meet our financial needs on a monthly basis. This is a real test of faith at times, because it always feels like we have more to do than money to do it! But, somehow, we have yet to go short! I am still amazed at how God provides through unusual sources...and then I remember that this is God we are talking about.

Personally, at times over the last 6 months it has felt as if all the work that is needed to be done will overwhelm me. I realize, even after so many years, that life isn't in what I do. Even with this realization it is still so easy for me to try to define myself through doing rather than being! I thank God for the people He has placed around me who help me to keep perspective. The LWSA board members have been a true gift, reminding me that choosing life means choosing Jesus and others, and not in doing. I have also come to realize how much I have defined life simply as saying "no" to things rather than choosing "yes" to the abundant life that I already have! I have a long way to go with this!

Finally, if you have managed to drag yourself through my letter, I encourage you to carry on through the rest of the newsletter. I promise it won't be boring!

My hope is that you will find our newsletter both encouraging and inspiring in your own healing journey with Jesus.

Keep saying "yes" to Life,"

Craig Groome

(National Director)

A note on Craig:

Craig has been involved in LWSA since 2001, and took over as National Director last year. Craig is a Counselling Psychologist, and although he spends most of his time on LWSA, counseling has provided a small "tent making" resource for him. Craig is single and an active member of the Mondeor Baptist Community

Meet the "Board" Members:



This is Jackie Rudd. Jackie is married and lives in Mondeor, South of Jhb. She has 2 grown up children and two younger adopted children. Jackie is an accountant and on top of her busy schedule she oversees the finances for LWSA. She prepares annual financials as well as monthly income and expenditures. She too is part of the Mondeor Baptist Community and assists Craig with the Living Waters Program.



As National Director, Craig's vision is to forge relationships with people in the many different Christian churches in our country. His heart is to serve those who need support with gender, sexual and relational brokenness, whilst nurturing and disciplining those already involved with Living Waters.



Rob McLachlan is involved in business and he works closely with Jackie to oversee finances and to provide strategy and advice for the running of Living Waters South Africa as a Section 21 Company. Rob and Ruth have been involved in LWSA since 1996.



Ruth McLachlan is married to Rob and they live in Northern Johannesburg with their 4 children. Ruth helps with general administration and planning.

Programs offered by Living Waters South Africa:

We are aware that some people receiving this newsletter do so because they are interested in the ministry but have not necessarily participated in a program. The programs below are available depending on the needs of the local church and the availability of leaders who can run each program.

The River:

Relational healing for teenagers aged 16 to 20. the river is a program that has been developed specifically for this age group to tackle issues related to sex, abuse, relationships and how to be real while dealing with past problems. the river helps the river is a 20 week course and is highly interactive and relative to today's issues in older teens.

Cross Currents

Cross Currents is an 8 week introductory course to the 25 weeks Living Waters Program. This shorter program is an ideal beginning for those keen on embarking on a healing journey.

Living Waters

This 25 week program uses prayer and discipleship in a small group to address the roots of sexual and relational brokenness. living waters is the core of this ministry and is for everyone who wants to deepen their relationship Jesus. small groups are preceded by worship and an address on the evenings topic by one of the leaders. some of the topics covered are:

- Receiving the Father's love
- Naming and confessing our sins
- Discovering the false self
- Learning the roots of brokenness
- Healing from abuse
- Forgiving others
- Confronting addiction and temptation
- Living as true men and women
- Embracing the church as a healing place

Those wishing to participate in a Living Waters Program should contact info@livingwaterssa.org.za, or alternatively you can contact a co-ordinator in your region by checking the regional co-ordinators contact details on the notice board page. An application and interview process is followed before the program begins.

Provincial Contact Details and Programs

Gauteng

Regional Co-Ordinator:

Charmaine Raftesath: 0836578775 email: rafdandc@mweb.co.za

Current Closed Programs:

- Living Waters Program at Valley Vineyard
- Living Waters Program at Mondeor Baptist Church
- S.A.L.T. Program at Bryanston Methodist Church
- 10 Week Pilot Group at Randburg Gereformeerde Kerk
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Upcoming Conferences and Seminars:

- Strength in Weakness Conference at Valley Vineyard at the end of September
- Co-Ordinators Retreat on the 24th and 25th July. Venue to be confirmed.
- Broken Sexuality Restored Seminar every Sunday at Linden Gereformeerde Kerk at 18h00 until the 28 June.

Western Cape

Regional Co-Ordinator:

Margaret Logan: 0824476854 email loganmc@telkomsa.net

Current Closed Programs:

- Cross Currents Program at Pinelands Vineyard
- Living Waters Program at the Fathers House, Tiger Valley

Upcoming Conferences and Seminars:

- Strength and Weakness Conference in Pinelands at the end of October.

Eastern Cape

Regional Co-Ordinator:

Colleen Pederson: 0845119456 email colleenpedersen@gmail.com

Current Closed Programs:

- Living Waters Program at the Fountain Vineyard

Upcoming Conferences and Seminars:

- Freedom Conference at the beginning of August. Please advert on the notice board.
- S.A.L.T. Program to start in August

Kwa-Zulu Natal

Regional Co-Ordinator:

Lorraine Francis: 0726929620 email lorraine.francis@liblink.co.za

Current Closed Programs

2 Support groups that are gender based.

Notice Board



On the first Tuesday of every month Mikes Kitchen Northgate will donate 15% of your bill to Living Waters South Africa trust. The monies made will be used to develop the ministry nationally. Mike's Kitchen offers a variety of wonderful food at excellent value. So go along and enjoy a hearty meal and help Living Waters South Africa!

Prayer Needs:

- Upcoming Conferences: Freedom Conference in Port Elizabeth, September Conference in Gauteng, and Strength in Weakness Conference in October in the Western Cape.
- S.A.L.T groups starting at Bryanston Methodist and Fountain Vineyard in Port Elizabeth.
- The Co-Ordinators Retreat.
- New beginnings in Uitenhage, Oudtshoorn, Rustenburg and Nelspruit.
- Strength for Craig in his work in this ministry.

Living Waters South Africa

Actual: March 2008 to February 2009

	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>YTD 2009/2010</i>
	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Actual</i>
GROSS Salaries (Actual Including PAYE)		3,125	5,600	8,725
Postage			908	908
Telephone				
Printing			13,066	13,066
Stationery				
Travel Expenses:				
WC Road show	2,529.00		2,822	5,351
WC Retreat			5,165	5,165
Total Expenses	6,605	6,911	29,410	42,946
Profit/Loss	9,833	5,439	-2,569	12,709