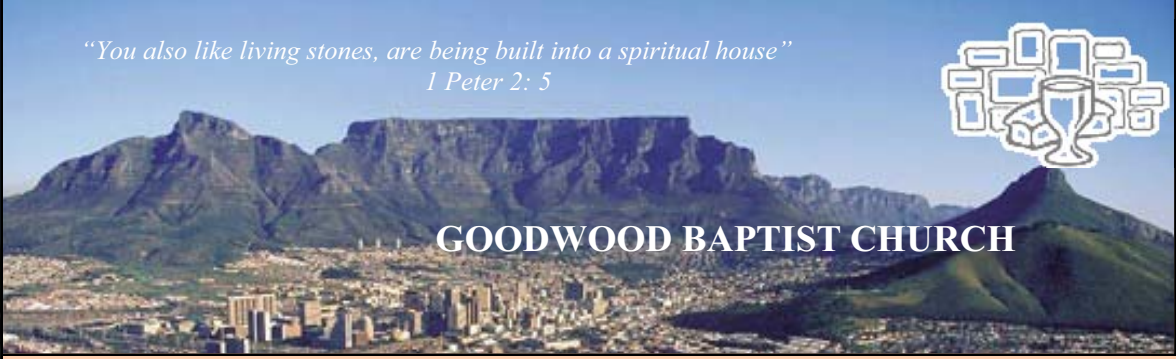




*"You also like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house"  
1 Peter 2: 5*



# GOODWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

**SOLA 5 ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES**

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## THE HEART OF GBC—GODS WORD!

Nothing worthwhile can ever be accomplished without Gods word preached and applied. We praise the Lord for the seed sown and every evidence of it bearing fruit—in individual lives, through our corporate gathering on Sundays and the small groups regularly meeting in the life of the church. One heartening aspect of ministry is that along with our six Home Fellowship Groups and Christianity Explored, we have at least another four groups stimulating fellowship around Gods word. This includes Moms and Tots, Instructing a Childs Heart, Teen Bible Study and the Prayer Partners group that has re-commenced. Please pray for the possibility of another HFG commencing in Pinedlands as we now have at least five people associated with GBC from the area keen for a group to commence.



Roland & Hanlie Eskinazi

**Sunday morning Worship and Family Bible School**—Changes! Change is always good and the morning Worship format has been changed with the re-introduction of *Pastor's Pals* and the addition of a *Tot's Theology* slot and use of powerpoint. Our Sunday school remains at 0900hrs and before the main service at 1000hrs we have introduced a *Family Bible Study* which also commences at 0900hrs, with two adult Bible Classes and the initial electives being *'The Christian and Managing your Finance'* and *'Questions Christians Hope no-one Will Ask'*. Led by Winton Gibbs and Reynold Swart respectively.

### **Shepherding a Child's Heart**

We are experiencing somewhat of a baby-boom and are grateful that the initial group led by Chris and Colleen McMinn has moved onto *'Instructing a Child's Heart'*. The elders are glad that Paul and Ronel Grobler are keen to spearhead another group commencing in April. We hear many encouraging testimonies from parents and our prayer is that the Lord will continue to use this to stimulate Godly parenting in the challenging task of raising chil-

### **Missions in Cape Town and the nations**

We thank the Lord for the privilege of continuing to share in the outreach ministry of at least seven missionaries (or missionary couples). GBC is sharing in God's kingdom in at least three countries apart from SA (Bolivia, Germany and Mozambique). This does not include yet another country, Zimbabwe through our involvement with Sola 5. Last year God enabled our church family to give generously outside of our ministries.

### **With thanks we praise and Glorify His name**

We are so grateful to have at GBC a dedicated group of ministry leaders who work so tirelessly for the furtherance of His word. Our youth Pastor **Carel Pienaar** who gives so selflessly of himself and time, to teach the younger members of our church, the junior and senior youth. There has been a steady growth in both groups in attendance for bible teaching and participation in activities. **Francois and Eileen van der Westhuizen** lead the *'Christianity Explored'* course and during 2010 there were 11 attendees who completed the course and the *'Just for Starters course'* which finished in October 2010.

**THE HANDS OF GBC—OUR MINISTRIES!**  
**Leadership**—For the past two years at least we have had an 'eldership—orientation' programme in place to train and guide younger men showing potential for eldership. Although busy with doctoral studies the elders are delighted that Chris Dumas is continuing to be exposed to the eldership and his gifting in explaining doctrine to young minds through the Tot's Theology is plain for all to see! Winton Gibbs has been elected onto the eldership and we look forward to his broader ministry among us. We do not forget Di Cuthbert and her wonderful support to Curly over the years before her homecall.

**HFG Leader  
Shane Vidal-Hall**



**Goodwood HFG**



**HFG Leader  
Curly Cuthbert**

**Bothasig HFG**



. The **'Women's Ministry'** is led by **Robyn Wilson** and they meet on a regular basis for various activities which include Bible studies and prayer, breakfast meetings with visiting speakers and support of outside organisations such as **'Options'** and **'Elim Night Shelter'** through monetary, baby items, food and clothing. We thank them also for their support in running the GBC grocery cupboard which provides for those in need. **Hugo Coetzee** has a ministry to the older folk in our community **'The Golden Oldies'** they meet on a Wednesday each week for a time of praise and Worship and alternate between GBC and Protea Home for Bible study meetings and to quote Hugo **"The Golden Oldies are thankful for His goodness and we bless His holy name. Also, we long for that day when all things will be restored and be made NEW and when all evil will finally be gone. Come Lord Jesus"** May Hugo long continue to serve in this vital ministry as there are many unsaved souls to be reached even at this late stage of their lives. **Jean Ward** is a very able leader of the **'Moms and Tot's Group'** and provides support for young moms and first time moms with small children. At the moment they are studying **'The Gospel Centred Family'** by Ed Moll and Tim Chester. Although challenging, they give thanks to the Lord for this opportunity to serve. GBC has an outreach ministry to the Goodwood Mall which is led by **Keith and Laetitia Williams**, it takes the form of a book table which they have set up in the hope that God in His common grace will minister to the spiritual needs of the passersby who stop and enquire of the books that are on offer. At the main church we also have a **"Book table"** set up on the first Sunday of the month which is run by **Winton and Barbara Gibbs** with many Christian books to choose from. **Winton and Barbara** also head up the **"Hiking Group"** who meet up on the third Saturday of the month and the group is open to non-Christians and Christians alike and is a wonderful opportunity to expose minds and bodies to the wonders and beauty of His creation. The group has experienced many of the hiking trails that can be found on and around the Table Mountain area as well as further afield and even overnight

Vrijzee HFG



HFG Leaders  
Reynold and Rita Swart

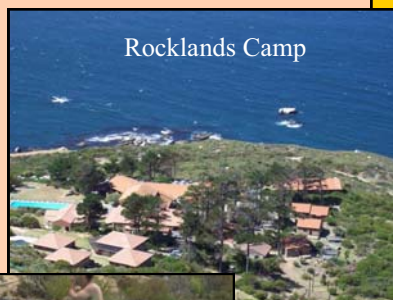


HFG Leaders  
Tony and Laura Baragona

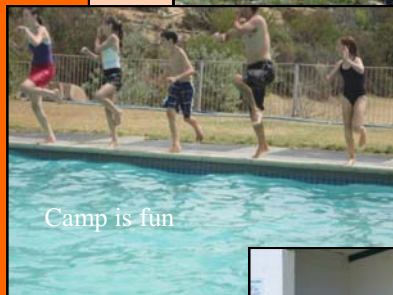
**MISSIONS COMMITTEE**

**Tony Baragona** is the chairman of the missionary committee at GBC and leads a team of five members—**Barbara Gibbs, Bonnie Hollesen, Mariska Pienaar, John and Barbara Lewis**. The committee is responsible for keeping GBC informed of our missionary's experiences in the field and for any support that may be needed by them. The highlight of the year is the **'Missions Weekend'** which is used to bring more into focus the work of missionaries outside of GBC and of outreach organisations who work in the greater community of Cape Town as well as overseas.

Edgemead/Monte Vista  
HFG



Rocklands Camp



Camp is fun



Bainskloof Camp



Wortelgat Camp

**OUR MISSIONARIES**

**The Ritter Family**—Hans, Sabine and family visited us during the course of the year. Hans still does a lot of traveling back and forth to Asia and now because of recent disasters that have taken place there, it makes his task even more difficult, not only his but other OMF workers and those involved in the Lords work.

**The Tomlinson's**—Colin and Barbara are working in Fort White in the Eastern Cape amongst Xhosa youth. Colin teaches English at two senior schools and uses the opportunity to teach them Christian values as well. Barbara is involved in Bible programs with the juniors at Alice Baptist Church. Collin and Barbara will be visiting Cape Town in July and we all look forward to this as it gives the church time to interact with them on a spiritual level as well as a personal level. We were also fortunate that **Bonnie Hollesen** was able to spend time at Fort White to teach accountancy to the learners.

**Hylton Sumner**—Hylton is our evergreen, and is steadfast in his work for the Lord and although despite his age he just carries on. It is such a joy to see that the Lord has blessed him with an amazing gift of compassion for others less fortunate. Hylton is involved in Hanover Park and works alongside the Hanover Park Baptist Church in bringing relief to the very poor. It is always very encouraging to the missions committee at the warm and positive response there is, whenever appeals are made for items that may be needed, and there is always a need! The little children suffer so, it is heartbreaking.

**Diane Guta**—After being back at home for awhile, Diane returned to the work in Bolivia and has reported that a permanent Youth Leader has been appointed. While here in Cape Town she obtained much needed funds and financial support to help with the ongoing work of building a Youth Centre there, there is a long way to go with this project and funds are still needed, there is much prayer needed and requested for this.

**Otto Makalima**—Otto has established the Reforming Baptist Church in Khayelitsha and the church continues to grow in the grace of our Lord. Otto has also found himself in a privileged position to act as an adjunct lecturer with the Bible Institute and continues with his involvement for the **'All of Grace Mission'**. The **'Xhosa Radio Ministry'** has proved to be very popular and he has received many invitations to speak at various churches here in the Western Cape, and the radio programme is confirmed to be listened to by many around South Africa. All praise and glory unto our Lord for this opportunity for the spreading of His word.



**BEIRA, MOZAMBIQUE: MOST PASTORS' TRAINING, EASTER SCHEDULE 2011**

**Anselmo Vilanculo--**  
Anselmo continues in his work at 'MOST' (Mobile School of Theology) and the Easter Schedule began with lectures in Welkom earlier this month, leading to the conclusion of a course on **Evangelism** over the weekend, 18-20 March. As MOST had been in the area in February, they did not have to physically be there this March.

The Mozambique leg of the program scheduled for April 25-May 1st got going via, **Vilanculos, Beira** the eventual venue of the teaching schedule. Here, they introduced the art of **Sermon Building**, following on an introduction of **Ecclesiology**, taught last summer (Dec. and Feb). **Beira** is an exciting place to teach. The folks maintain unbelievable optimism, hunger for the Truth and always await their next training cycle with amazing eagerness. The local organizing committee has now come of age and MOST can be confident to arrive and concentrate on the business of teaching, without the bother of the administrative tasks of the event itself. We praise our Great God for this.

*Please pray with us for the finalization of course material and readiness of heart, both for Anselmo as presenter and our course participants.* Please join us as we congratulate Anselmo and Charlene, Brothers, Gabriel (12) and José (10), at the birth of the latest addition to their family of a beautiful bouncing baby boy, Antonio.

**JUNIOR YOUTH WORTELGAT CAMP**



**ENJOYING THE FUN**

**OUR YOUTH PASTOR**

**Carel and Mariska Pienaar:** A reluctant parting is happening at the end of the year as Carel and Mariska seek to further their studies. Through much prayer, counsel and deep thinking God has been instilling or cultivating in their hearts a passion for theological education. Their heartbeat, if the Lord permits and provision is given, is to return to the Bible Institute and to serve God's kingdom in the sphere of theological education. To join many others who desire to see evangelical scholarship grow significantly in Southern Africa and to equip tomorrow's ministers and foreign missionaries with sound theology. That is their vision and mission. Carel and Mariska have applied to pursue a MA in Theology at George Whitefield College in Muizenberg and intend to do this study full time.

**PRAYER**

Please join us as we pray for our Sunday school, its teachers and the little ones, as they continue to learn and grow in the love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the change that we have undertaken in the morning church service, the introduction of Pastors Pals and Tots Theology during the service. The Family Bible School that members will grow and be more fruitful in their walk with Him. For the ongoing commitment and dedication of all the ministry leaders as they lead and encourage all the folk who have come under their wings. Please pray that doors will be opened for Carel and Mariska as they continue on their journey in service to Him by furthering their studies at George Whitefield College and their intended goal of teaching at a theological institution.

The various committees, and we bring to mind here the missions committee, that they be enabled to serve to the greater community as they take the word to the mission fields. We also request prayer for the deacons of GBC, for their support in the running of day to day affairs and maintenance of the church, those who serve in the background and for our pastor as he administers to our spiritual needs. In all of this we give thanks to you for your partnership in prayer, and for the administrative team of Sola 5 without whom these newsletters would not be distributed.