

## **PALM SUNDAY—March 16, 2008**

Moved by common expectancy, great numbers of people flocked out from Jerusalem to meet Jesus as He was going into Jerusalem, and they called Him king, and made a great noise, and tore palm branches from trees, and stripped off their outer garments, carpeting His way as if on a triumphant march to a throne. What is going to happen when He breaks into Jerusalem with tumultuous hosannas and enthusiasts swirling like waters in flood?

They swept on through the gates into the city. Down go the tables of the money-changers, their coins scattering on the pavement. Traders flee in fear before His uplifted scourge. Chaos reigns. Not one of them dares to say a word. Jerusalem is at His feet. Every kind of sickness goes out with a word or touch. Even the children are wild with excitement.

Has His hour come? The people have already proclaimed Him King. Will He acknowledge it? Will He proclaim Himself?

"The government shall be upon His shoulders and of His Kingdom there shall be no end," declared the prophet. (From the book, Christ and the Fine Arts)

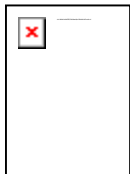
**Pray many Christians will understand the significance of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to begin the last week of His life. Pray we will never forget what Christ did for us.**

-What a week for the Swazi Team!! We are so happy and do praise the Lord for the birth of Nathan Curtis Allen on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Nathan, his sister and parents are in Jo'burg recuperating!! Steve and Monica are also in the process of applying and receiving Nathan's passport. There is quite a bit of paperwork involved, so **please pray all needed information will be processed quickly. Pray Nathan will have his passport by the time the Southern Sectional meeting ends (March 24-29) and the Allens will be able to return to Swaziland.**

-Also, it is with sadness in our hearts that we have to say goodbye to Truman, Rebecca, Samantha and Trey Oakley. Because of unforeseen problems they are returning to the states. At this time their departure date has not been finalized. The Oakleys arrived in Africa on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October and since November have resided in Nhlanguano. **Please pray for the Oakleys as they pack, recreate and prepare to return to the states. Pray as they seek the Lord's will concerning their future.**

-Continue to pray for the Swazi Team members: **Kimber Ringler, Julia Tarr, Steve, Monica, Lacie, Nathan Allen, Truman, Rebecca, Samantha and Trey Oakley and Wayne and Barbara Myers. Pray for strength and balance as each seek the Lord daily in his/her life.**

-Each year the members of the Swazi Baptist churches gather in one location to celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior. This year these services will take place in the Hhohho region March 20-23. Planning continues and there is still quite a bit of details that need to be finalized. **Pray for the committee that is completing the planning and organization of this event. Begin praying those attending will experience true revival and spiritual awakening in their hearts.**



*"From the mouths of babes..."*

My brother shared this story concerning his (6-year old) grandson JC:

The other day JC was telling his father (Chris) what he wanted for Easter. He also told Chris that he was to tell the Easter bunny what he wanted. "When you tell the Easter bunny what I want don't forget to remind Him Jesus is the real reason for Easter and not him. And when you do it don't forget to have your Bible with you."

## **AIDS UPDATE:**

Concerning AIDS orphans: 30 percent of the children in Swaziland are either single (one parent dead from AIDS) or double (both parents dead from AIDS) orphans. The number of orphans in the country has increased from an estimated 12,000 in 1999 to 70,000 in 2005 with a projected increase to 120,000 by 2010. The number of child headed households (children living in homes without adults) is increasing. **Pray the many orphans in Swaziland will have someone to care for them. Pray for an intense awareness**

by the Swazis of the causes and problems of AIDS and the responsibility of protecting friends and family members.

**PRAYING FOR OUR TROOPS:**

Pray for members of our military who defend innocent citizens in Afghanistan, Iraq, the U.S. and around the world—for their full protection, for peace of mind and spirit, for each one to succeed in their assigned tasks. Pray for those making adjustments from one assignment to another, that they will have God's help and grace to adjust. [www.presidentialprayerteam.org](http://www.presidentialprayerteam.org)

**CENTRAL, EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA (CESA):**

In 2008, the missionaries of Central, Eastern and Southern Africa will meet together in sectional meetings rather than on the local level. The Southern Section will meet on March 24-28 in Johannesburg, South Africa. Pray for the planning of this important time to equip, encourage, challenge and celebrate with the missionary personnel. Ask for God's Spirit to move in the hearts of those leading sessions, workshops and Bible studies as they prepare. Pray that this will be a time of recommitment to the task and that all will honor the Lord. Thank God for this time of renewal for all missionaries and their families. The Central Section will meet in July and the Eastern Section in July/August.

Thank you for your prayer support,  
Wayne and Barbara Myers, missionaries with the Swazi Team

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