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INSERV'S PRAYER LETTER

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A Word from Willie

Dear friends,

The first month of 2012 is gone and we are looking at the remaining 11 months of this year with expectation of what God is going to do. Staff returned, refreshed and with a new vision for the work and the prayer in our hearts that God will do a new thing with us and in ministry. Hearing the news of the passing of Mike as we are developing the Light Africa mapping project with him, we were again challenged with how precious time is. As the Psalmist wrote, our days are as grass or as a flower. Today we are there and tomorrow we are gone (Psalm 103). The challenge is, are we using our time to the glory of God, living to the full without uncertainty but in order to obtain the prize set before us as Paul encouraged us in Phil 3:13ff. May you also be encouraged to run the race before us with purpose and our eyes focused on the Almighty God.

Yours in Christ,
Willie Botha.

INSERV NEWS

The Inserv staff were able to enjoy a good break over the Christmas and New Year period. Willie Botha and his family enjoyed a holiday with friends in the Drakensberg Mountains.



Pierre Wedepohl and his wife Martine spent the Christmas period visiting Pierre's parents, who live in Cape Town. Pierre's brother and sister-in-law, who live in Australia, were also in Cape Town over Christmas and so Pierre and Martine saw them as well. Peter Vumisa and his family were able to spend the holidays in Zambia. They spent most of the time in Chipata, the capital of the Eastern Province of Zambia. Chipata is Peter's home town. They also visited the village where Peter



was born. It was the first time Peter's daughters had been to the places where their father was born and grew up. They had a good time with family and friends in the Eastern Province of Zambia. Other good news is that Peter's eldest daughter, Thando, passed her Matric (grade 12) exams and will be studying Hospitality at the Tshwane University of Technology in 2012 and his youngest



daughter, Nomsa, has qualified to go to High

School in 2012. Retha Nothnagel was able to spend Christmas Eve together with her mother visiting with her two nieces and their families while on Christmas day Retha and her mother enjoyed a meal together at the SPUR restaurant. Thank the Lord that all of the Inserv staff members were able to have a blessed time over the holidays and were able to rest before the start of another busy year of ministry.

On a sad note Inserv has lost a good friend and partner in ministry, Mike O'Rear, who has gone home to be with the Lord. Mike was the president of Global Mapping International (GMI) in the USA. GMI and Inserv have a strong partnership and we value our partnership in ministry with them. Apart from having strong links with GMI on the mapping front Mike was instrumental in securing funding for our missions book project. Mike suffered a heart attack and after a few days in hospital went to be with the Lord on the 14th of January. We rejoice that Mike is now in glory but we also grieve that he is no longer with us. Pray for comfort for his wife Laura and 4 adult children. Pray also for wisdom for GMI as they look to the future. Bill Dickson who was the vice-president has been appointed as the interim CEO and President of GMI. For more about Mike O'Rear go to <http://www.gmi.org/gmi-mourns>.



Pray that God will provide for Inserv and each of the staff members as we enter a busy year of ministry. Pray for wisdom for all we need to accomplish in 2012. Pray that God will provide the needed financial support both for Inserv as an organization and for each staff member and their families in these difficult economic times. Pray that God may raise up additional staff to help with all the work we have to do at Inserv.

Here are some of the programmes in which we will be involved in 2012. There is the publishing of the book on missions from an African and Evangelical perspective. The book is now in the editing phase. We plan to launch the book in the middle of the year. Pray that this would happen. Then there is the CAP (Country Assessment Project). The aim is to complete the update of the people groups information for each country in Africa by the end of the year. Pray for wisdom and ability to mobilise people in doing this in every country. Peter and Pierre are assisting with the TOPIC (Training of Pastor's International Coalition) research on the training needs of pastors and other church leaders in South Africa. The desire is to be able to collect the last needed questionnaires (to be filled in by church leaders) from each of the 75 sample communities across South Africa by April and then begin analysing the data. Continue to pray for this project. Pierre, together with GMI, is busy with developing a questionnaire to determine the effectiveness of our computer mapping training. The aim is to get everyone in Africa, who has been trained in computer mapping by GMI or Inserv, to fill in the questionnaire. Inserv is also becoming involved in one particular sensitive programme. We cannot share the details because of the nature of the project but please do pray for God's blessing and guidance in this project since the outcomes of this project could be of great benefit for the church in Southern Africa. Also in 2012 Inserv staff members will again be involved in both research training and computer mapping training. Pray that all these endeavours will be for God's glory and the extension of his Kingdom in Africa and the world.

Prayer and Praise:

- Praise the Lord for a time of rest and all the staff members returning safely to the office.
- Thank the Lord for every person involved with Inserv, enabling this kind of work to continue. Also for the commitment and call of each staff member, continuing to work with challenging financial situations.
- Pray for the continued work and the completion of the CAP project.
- With the date of the Book launch set and important editorial deadlines waiting to be met, a number of challenges are arising that need wisdom in how to deal with them.
- Praise for exciting developments regarding projects that will benefit the church in the region.
- Pray for the continued planning and decisions as we move on our way forward with all the challenges before us.
- Pray for GMI as they need to restructure and plan for the road ahead after the passing of Mike, especially for Bill Dickson as he is taking up the baton and needs to provide leadership in this time.

- Thank the Lord for the good relationships we have with the staff of GMI and that we are looking forward to an ongoing partnership.

Upcoming Events:

14 February	Trustee meeting	Willie and Trustees
20 – 21 February	WENSA leadership meeting: Cape Town	Willie
23 + 24 February	Mobilisation meetings: Swaziland	Peter
25 Febr– 3 March	Malawi Mobilisation and training	Peter
28 + 29 February	Research Training at MET (French group)	Willie
6 to 10 March	Africa Missions Conference: Nigeria	Peter
26 to 30 March	MANI Leadership meeting: Kenya	Willie

"If you refuse the advice of an elder you will walk until sunset"

- Kuria proverb from Kenya.