

Put off ... put on

**1 Thessalonians
5:7-8**

**“For those who
sleep, sleep
at night, and
those who
get drunk are
drunk at night.
But let us who
are of the
day be sober,
putting on the
breastplate of
faith and love,
and as a helmet
the hope of
salvation.”**

- A. Put off – before we can put something on we need to first take off what we have on. We must first put off the desires of the flesh, as this is an opening for our spiritual enemies. They draw many, and keep them, by making them drunk - drunk with pride, drunk with passion, drunk with self-conceit, drunk with success.
- B. Put on – The breastplate of Faith and Love
The helmet of Hope
- We need to arm ourselves against our flesh and its attempts to draw us into sin, by putting on the spiritual breast-plate to protect the heart, and the spiritual helmet to secure the head; this spiritual armour consists of three great graces of Christians, faith, love, and hope.
- 1. We must live by faith, and this will keep us watchful and sober
- 2. We must have a heart of love (God’s Love); and this will also be our defence against issues of pride.
- 3. We must make salvation our hope. Our hopes are to be grounded upon God’s promises and completed work: because God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation, and that salvation is secured by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us.

COUNTRY IN FOCUS

SOUTH AFRICA – IMPACT AFRICA MISSION TRIP

South Africa: continues to be very fertile ground for the gospel and the Challenge paper continues to be a vital part of the ministry there.

Prisons: the work in the prisons continues to be very fruitful with many testifying that they have read of others prisoners who have found forgiveness in Jesus Christ then maybe they also could know this forgiveness and relationship with God. We will be distributing the prison edition of the paper and following up enquiries made. June saw our first edition of the paper being distributed in Zimbabwean prisons and we look forward to the response.

VBS: The increase in attendance caught us out last year. We prepared meals for 400 and had approx 500 attending. This is a wonderful blessing in being able to share the gospel with so many, but it also causes issues on our ability to supply the extra meals required. This year the VBS will be held in a new location and we look forward expectantly at what the Lord is going to do. Again the children will be taught Creation to Christ over 5 days and on the final day an opportunity to respond will be given, both for children and attending parents,

Partners: Part of the purpose of the trip is to help strengthen the arm of our partners both financially and practically, being extra hands and feet to serve where needed most.

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PRAYER POINTS

- Impact Africa Mission Team in South Africa: The team will be 30 people of which there will be 22 from Australia. Please pray for team safety, unity for the team, health, opportunities to share, the words to speak.
- Project funding: We are looking to raise \$40,000 this year to cover costs and this continues to be an ongoing issue as funds are needed to cover the cost of providing food for the VBS and squatters camps, CLI training for local pastors, Bibles, 70,000 newspapers to be distributed and other projects.
- For leaders: to be able to deal with situations as they arise
- Team unity: that the team may have one heart and one vision.
- Print funding: the need is \$25,000 to meet current commitments and then ongoing funding to continue the work in South Africa, South America and India



PRAISE POINTS

- South America: Carl met with the National Directors of Word of Life in South and Central America and they have all expressed the desire to receive the paper. WOL has made an ongoing commitment to meet 50% of the cost of printing in each country with Challenge having to raise the other 50%. There is great excitement about the paper as the Directors see the value of the paper and the opportunities it will present.
- The team for South Africa being finalised and the program that has been organised.
- For the funding that has come in, as things have been very tight and the Lord has provided in our hour of greatest need.
- USA: *Carl, I received a letter on Friday from a lady who lives in Clinton, Oklahoma who somehow received a copy of Challenge from our church with our logo overprint Urbancrest on it. She sent the form in that she had prayed to receive Christ as Saviour. Pastor Tom Pendergrass.*
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MY RESPONSE

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