

MUIZENBERG SBS NOVEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

Who are we?

Muizenberg School of Biblical Studies 2011/2012 is a class of 20 students and 10 staff. We are 12 nations, of all different cultures and walks in life, joined together for nine months to study God's word.



Prayer needs

Rest
Relationships
Finances
Future
Family
open hearts and
minds to God's
powerful,
revelational, life
changing word
and Truth.



Books completed

Philemon
Titus
Philippians
Mark
Acts
Galatians
1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians
Colossians

What is SBS?

The SBS is a nine-month course focusing on all 66 books of the Bible. We use the inductive approach to study, which teaches the students to observe what the text says, to interpret the text through the eyes of the original reader, and how to apply the timeless truths to their own lives. In effect, allowing the living Word of God speak for itself.

Objectives and Goals

By the end of the year, our goal is to see students who know God, and are individually motivated to study the scriptures for themselves; with a growing commitment to pass on their knowledge and experiences to others in South Africa and other nations. The theme of the school is "Blessed to be a Blessing."

Outreach to Masiphumelele

As a school something we aspire to not just be readers of the Word but doers! Last Friday as a whole class we ventured out to the township of Masiphumelele, and joined with one of YWAM Muizenberg's urban ministry teams. We were able to share and pray with numerous people around the community, love on lots of eager children, as well as encourage the long-term workers living in this township. In just this one afternoon we had the amazing privilege of leading two young locals in giving their lives to the Lord! Many of the students were struck by how practical what they are studying is to the lives of everyday people. The gospel is so relevant to today! And we were all reminded how hungry the world is for what we have the privilege of learning! We are looking forward to more outreach opportunities in the coming months!

"And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."

Colossians 1:9, 10



"There is no greater joy and excitement than fulfilling the dream that I have dreamed for many years. I was so happy to see myself teaching in SBS Muizenberg, an SBS famous for its diversity and a key SBS in Africa and around the world. I was a bit nervous because people were so expectant to hear my first teaching in SBS, but I had confidence because I spent time studying the book and praying about it, also praying for everyone who would be in the class. I was so happy to see that what I planned to teach in each hour went as I planned. My favorite was in the last hour where I was to facilitate a discussion and it went exactly as it was planned. Finishing my three hour of teaching was such a relaxing feeling. It was also so nice when people were encouraging me in and outside class. Thanks to every staff for being there for me, this also gave me a lot of confidence knowing that they are there for me. I'm so grateful to God for giving me an opportunity to teach His word for His people, something that I have been longing to do for many years." - Godlisten, Staff from Tanzania

My First Teaching in SBS

What has encouraged or challenged you?

"Doing an SBS has challenged my worldview, and how I read and apply the timeless truths found in God's Word. It has caused me to examine myself; my attitude, my values, my beliefs in the light of the Truth.



SBS is an excellent time to build new friendships and invest into the lives of others. I would definitely recommend SBS to anyone who desires to be immersed and transformed by God's living and powerful Word!" - Ryan, Student from the Seychelles



What have you learned?

"Something that really stood out for me is the greatness of God's love for us. Jesus experienced so much pain and rejection, not just physical pain, but also emotional pain; even his closest friends deserted him. Jesus did that for me and for us, so

that we might have healing and forgiveness; so that we might be accepted into the family of God, and live in the freedom that he gave us." - Nadia, Student from Worcester, South Africa