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Free Inside News

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South Africa.

Sheila and I are still recovering from our all too brief trip to South Africa. 30 hours on planes or sitting in an airport seems to take it out of us much more these days. (OK, so we are getting on in years)

Our tickets were free courtesy of Delta Airlines' Skymiles program, we are grateful for God's provision. We had a wonderful time, renewed many old and deep friendships. The warm, sunny weather was a welcome break from the cold of a Connecticut winter

As always in SA we were showered with kindness and love, it made us feel very special. It was just the tonic we needed, our spirits were lifted, and our hearts were renewed.

We had afternoon tea (such a civilized practice) at the home of Roland and Hanlie Eskanzi, on our first day in Cape Town. Roland is the current pastor of Goodwood Baptist Church. Bernard Cartledge, the second pastor, was also there on a visit from the UK. We have a picture of all three of us together.

On February 29th, I preached at the morning service at Goodwood Baptist Church. It was a great joy to see the growth of the church, to see that the 350 + seats almost all full.

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During our absence, Gordon Lawrence ably led the team that goes into Gates Prison each Wednesday. It was good to be back with them, and to see that their enthusiasm for the ministry is still strong.

A Practical Problem.

Prison is a very noisy place. We learned yesterday that the noise in the dorms is so bad that few are able to get to sleep before 3 or 4 in the morning. After breakfast many go back to sleep. This affects our morning session quite badly. Some sleep through the public announcement of the start of the session and often come late. The team has a very practical prayer request, that all who have signed up will hear the announcement and make it to the session on time.

Free Inside/Vision New England Joint Conference.

This will take place on March 20th at Glastonbury Community Church.

Sincerely,

Peter
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