

# *Best Times* South Africa Edition

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The Lord had subdued the land occupied by Israel's enemies. Joshua said, "How long will you delay going out to take possession of the land the God of your fathers, gave you?" (Joshua 18:3). At the beginning of this month, these words were an encouragement to our team. Several opportunities have arisen in the third term to further engage students. Our staff team must now seize these opportunities.

Leon, Nicholas and I ventured to Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT) earlier this month. We decided to prayer walk to prepare the land. Later that day, the men met student leaders involved with Student Christian Organization (SCO). Leon asked them how can we best serve you and how are you doing evangelism? They responded saying we pray for our peers but we do not know how to help someone know Christ personally. The student leader asked us to train them how to share their faith on campus. Two weeks later, materials in tow, Leon and Nicholas returned and shared the heart behind evangelism and presenting the Gospel through the Four Spiritual Laws. Leon was so excited. At the conclusion of his time, the CPUT students inquired, "When will we have another training?"

At University of Western Cape (UWC), our staff ladies organized a small gathering to help expose women to our ministry. This time of the year is incredibly difficult for students as they prepare for exams. When I arrived, we prayed for God to allow the environment to provide a break for the weary, for women to feel welcomed and free to share. The women trickled in at first, then they came in groups. There was a buzz in the room. Hot cocoa plus conversation are sweet ingredients for open and honest dialogue. Our topic for the day was self-esteem. The ladies shared candidly about their struggles while others shared with confidence how God created them. One student, Rachel, a member of the UWC women's soccer team, believed and shared how she was wonderfully and fearfully made by God.

With our local church, Bellville Baptist, we have been given the baton of encouraging the university-aged students with their walks with God. We will have a study break on Saturday, 31 May in our home. Please pray for good turnout, delicious food, fun fellowship and an engaging time with this diverse group of young students.

Leon asked our team, "How long?" Our response, "We will go today and trust God!"

Sincerely,

*Melanie Best*