



C&N News

Don't be confused by the fish.

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of our semi-occasional updates

Dear friends,

Thank you to those who have been praying for us. *Here's the quick version:* **Thanks for** a new house (hopefully), progress on church database, Colin's work; **Prayer for** Norma job, fellowship, friends

Here's the longer version:

Origin Ministries

We've had a challenging start to the work here, with a high-profile resignation within a couple of months of our arriving. This has unsettled the ministry a little, but things are quickly returning to normal and the executive committee have proved faithful to the work. It was a tough start, but we continue to pray as we seek to further the mission here. Please pray with us!

We've been working on the new database for Origin Ministries; one that will be used both in the UK and South Africa. Norma has been calling churches (over 300 so far) and Colin has been working on the DB code. Origin hopes to launch it in the next few months, and the design has already been done. We also saw two recent events in the UK – a student Praise Night (in Feb at Carrubbers in Edinburgh) and a fundraising concert at Greenside Parish in Edinburgh. We were not able to take part personally in these, but Colin listened in to parts of each event over the phone, and declared himself delighted! ☺

Programme

Colin will be in the UK to meet with work clients and will take part in four Origin events while he's there. Please pray for the *Origin Weekend Away*, the *St Andrew's Praise Night*, the *Exec Weekend Away* and the *Spring Praise Night* in Edinburgh. More info on these events from the Origin websites. We have another two events in Cape Town in June as well (8th and 15th), and prayer is needed for that!

Personal

Church

We've been looking for a church, and have decided to spend a few months at *Durbanville Presbyterian*, just to see how it goes. Unfortunately, while the teaching is good, there are next to no people our age (there's a huge missing demographic aged 18-40 in the church). So we have not managed to make any friends out here. It does get lonely at times and the feeling of isolation is considerable, and we'd really appreciate your prayers on that front.

Employment

Colin's paid work continues to be the only income for the time being, and we are still praying for a position for Norma, but unfortunately the paperwork from the government department is taking forever, and there do not appear to be any jobs anyway... Please pray for opportunities to arise, and paperwork to be forthcoming...

House & New Address

We have a new address!! We are living there already, but the paperwork takes months, so we can't be certain the house is ours for a while yet (probably June...?). It seems likely though, and mail should now go to the new address below.

Colin is gradually overcoming his hatred of gardening, although is convinced that he will unintentionally kill every plant in the garden (just ask any former flatmate). He is trying hard though, and can sometimes be found staring at the grass and muttering to himself about lack of rain, midday temperatures (about 34° at the moment), types of fertilizer and threatening to cook the guinea fowl that keep scratching away at everything. Norma is searching the internet for recipes involving lemons, as our lemon tree is insisting on delivering far more than we can use at once. Colin likes the lemon cupcakes and is certain that it helps to exercise his Metformin regularly. He says the medication gets lazy without a challenge.

Wishing you all the very best,
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