



C&N News

Don't be confused by the fish.

June 2008
of our semi-occasional updates

Hi everyone,

Ok, here's the quick version: **Praise** for a new house (hopefully – we still don't own it!), progress on church database and recent events; **Prayer** for Norma job, fellowship, friends & church, Origin SA band, coming events. And now, here's the longer version:

Lemon Update

First things first. The latest use we've found for our lemon tree is Lemon Meringue Pie, and Colin has discovered that Norma makes the best Lemon Meringue Pie in the world. Part of the secret lies in the ginger biscuit base, but it's all good. In fruit-related news, the Pineapple Upside-Down cake comes in a close second... (you can tell the dieting is going well...)

Origin Ministries

Norma is continuing to work on the church database, and has more than 550 Cape Town churches captured. For the time being she is turning her attention to the Edinburgh database to bring it up to date. Origin is going to be employing someone to help out with this from August as well, so work will speed up there too.

Colin has just returned from several weeks in the UK where he led two worship events (Praise Nights at Holy Trinity St Andrews and Viewforth Parish Church, Edinburgh), as well as two weekend retreats – the first Origin Scotland choir and band weekend away, which was packed with lots of great times of worship, blessing and challenge – and the Origin Exec annual retreat, a time for the leadership of the ministry to take time to talk, pray and plan. The Viewforth Praise Night in particular was really great, and there was a special sense of God's presence.

We have postponed the June event in Cape Town as we are still struggling to put together a stable band and are facing challenges with choir commitment – although we had half the choir round for supper the other night, and that we hope is the first step in building up fellowship and commitment in the group.

Please pray for upcoming [UK events](#) on 3rd and 7-9th August.



Weekend Away band and choir rehearsals

Keeping warm at the SA choir supper

Our lemon tree ☺

Personal

A huge thank you to those friends who keep in touch using our local Edinburgh phone number – it's great to hear from you when you call! For those of you that don't know, you can call from the UK for the cost of a domestic call using the number below.

The lack of young people at the church we have been attending, combined with the fact that the whole atmosphere and aim of the church seems to be towards those of a previous generation (which they are serving very well, it must be said) has meant we've decided to resume our church hunt. This is not easy as anyone who has read Colin's [blog](#) will know. Norma has not been able to find work yet (although the paperwork is now through, PTL) – this seems primarily due to the chaotic system here which seems to change on a monthly basis, and there is no understanding between administration and hospitals as to how it works. She can't get a job without professional registration, and she can't register without a job. So Norma is working full time for Origin and volunteers a couple of afternoons a week at a government physiotherapy centre to keep her hand in. Please pray! We still don't know if we can buy the house we are living in – although we're told it should be any day now, the lawyers said so, so it *must* be true... We're going to visit Colin's sister and brother-in-law in Chicago in July, and Colin will be in the UK 25 July – 13 August for the aforementioned Origin events...

Wishing you all the very best,
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