

## **HAMMOND FAMILY UPDATE**

Dear family and friends

### **Singing in Berlin**

Last night, our daughter Daniela, as part of the Cape Town Youth Choir, sang in the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church (Kaiser-Wilhelm-Gedächtniskirche). The original Lutheran church on this site was built in the 1890s. The foundation stone was laid 22 March 1891, which was Kaiser Wilhelm I's birthday. The church was designed in the Romanesque Revival style with a spire 113m (371 feet) high and seating over 2,000 people. The church was consecrated 1 September 1895. During the Second World War, on the night of 23 November 1943, the church was irreparably damaged in an air raid. The badly damaged spire of the old church has been retained and its ground floor has been made into a Memorial Hall. Daniela sang in the new cathedral next to the old spire in Berlin.

### **Europe Choir Tour**

On Sunday, the Cape Town Youth Choir sang at the St. Thomas Becket Anglican Church in Hamburg. On Monday they sang at the Miralles Saal. Tonight they will be singing at the Church of St. Simon and Jude in Prague, then on to St. Martins Cathedral in Bratislava, and the Primatial Palaca.

### **World Choir Festival**

Then the choir is off to the Choir Olympics in Riga, Latvia. There they are to sing at St. Peter's Church, at the Great Hall and at Sigulda Castle. The 8<sup>th</sup> World Choir Games is the world's largest choir competition, which brings together 15,000 choristers and 300 choirs from over 60 countries. They have been preparing for this event for well over a year, and we know this will be an experience of a life-time for Daniela!

## **National Hockey Tour**

While Daniela is singing in Europe, our youngest son, Calvin, is part of a team representing our province, the Western Cape, at the National Hockey Tournament in Durban.

## **Karate Worlds**

Next week Christopher flies to Johannesburg to represent South Africa in Karate Worlds. This will be his second World Tournament.

## **Mission to England**

Next week, I fly to England where I have been invited to speak at a conference on *Where is the Watchman on the Walls?* As this year marks 100 years since the outbreak of the First World War, I will also be dealing with *How the Greatest Century of Missions was Derailed into the Worst Century of Persecution.*

## **Andrea the Journalist**

Our eldest daughter, Andrea, has already written dozens of articles as an intern for *Western Journalism*, since graduating from Arizona Christian University. You can see some of her first articles by visiting: [www.westernjournalism.com](http://www.westernjournalism.com) .

## **Lenora and Her Cancer Survivors**

Since returning with her Cancer Survivor Dragon Boat racing team from Malaysia (where they

won Silver in the Cancer Survivor category), Lenora has been afflicted by an infection which has undermined her health for the last five weeks. Please pray for wisdom for the doctors and for a speedy recovery. Lenora will be representing South Africa at the International Cancer Survivor Dragon Boat Racing Festival in Florida in October.

## Thank You

We are most grateful for your prayers, encouragement and support. May God continue to bless, guide and strengthen you.

Yours for the fulfilment of the Great Commission

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