There is so much bad news in the world, so I would like to share a wonderful news item to encourage all of you. In November, Angus Buchan, a farmer evangelist, called the Christians of South Africa to a "Sacred Gathering" to be held at the largest stadium in South Africa. The stadium happened to be in Soweto, where the original homes of Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu are. The stadium was given free to Angus and his team for the occasion, they in turn provided the security and sound engineers. The tickets were free from Computicket and so was the parking. It was a beautiful Saturday afternoon and hours before it was to start thousands of people from all races began to gather. The atmosphere was electric with anticipation and as the singing began groups of people started dancing to the songs in all of the eleven languages of South Africa. By the time my friends and I arrived the stadium, which seats 94,000 was more than half full. 50,000 people including member of parliament and other dignitaries joined together to praise God together. Angus gave a very challenging message which you can read for yourself by clicking on the button.

One of the very significant things that happened was that the 50,000 people assembled prayed a prayer of repentance together. You can read the prayer by clicking the button.

"I am sick and tired of the nonsense in this country. The Christians have got no teeth. All we do is complain and moan all of the time, but we do nothing; 90% of this country believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, but we say nothing.

"We complain about the government, we complain about the system, we complain about the devaluation of the Rand, we complain about the drought, but we do nothing!

Angus Buchan

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Thalya was “Belled in” at school this week. On the first day of High School all the students, going into grade 8 walk down the path one by one and as their names are called out, a bell is rung. They are welcomed by the head boy and girl and cheered by all of the students. Then there is a week of orientation where they learn how to navigate the new rules and expectations. It is a fun experience and a good bonding time.

Two days after we got home from St Francis I flew to Cape Town for my niece Lisa’s wedding. She and Vasso had their wedding and reception on a wine farm, a lovely venue and the whole preceding was very well organized and at the same time relaxing. The minister gave a very stirring message on God’s design for marriage through the ages. An added bonus for me was that I got to spend time with my sisters and brother even if only for a few hours.

I am not sure what 2017 is going to hold for us, but I am sure the Lord has many surprises in store as He usually does. I am so glad that He is the God of the ages, no matter the chaos in the world. Psalm 93.1 says:

*The LORD is king! He is robed in majesty. Indeed, the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The world stands firm and cannot be shaken.*

We are so thankful for each one of you and the vital part that you play in our lives. Thank you for your friendships, financial support and prayers. You are much appreciated.

Roy, Rose, Mariah and Thalya
So objective facts hold less sway in shaping public opinion than emotions and personal belief, is now openly admitted. No longer the true freedom to do as you ought, but do as you please, so truth gives way to fiction, lies and truth are pitted against each other because the more bizarre a statement the more it is likely to be considered intellectual. So willfully conveying something that is false, as the end justifies the means, making personal goals very effectual. How do we navigate our society with uncompromising love and uncompromising truth when anarchy reigns? Once you get rid of God and play God, truth has no validity and to stand up and say so brings nothing but distain. "They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator." God said. Truth is the name we give to our own preferences, without truth there can be no freedom, turning justice on its head. With God the starting point is devotion, the giving is unconditional, the reception by ones own will and unforced volition. The range is eternal, the core is judicial, is given without cost except obedience to the truth and our dependency admission. This truth, unlike modern post-truth cannot be rendered useless nor does it curry misremembering, it is forever staid. Only Gods truth will carry us through the coming onslaught on our faith and core values, from being intimidated and afraid.
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