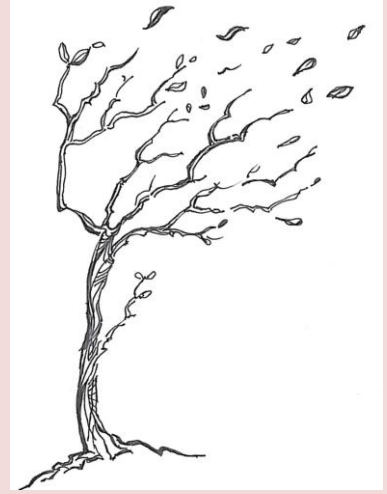


# The Wind Call

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## ***The Word of Flame – Everybody’s business.***

**I WRITE THIS ON THE OCCASION OF NELSON MANDELA’S 95<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY** when the whole country is engaged in a process of self-assessment and the reappraisal of adopted values. The nation is asking “How are we doing?” - Especially in the light of Madiba’s world awakening and inspiring legacy. All indications point to the fact that there is huge room for improvement in almost every aspect of our nation’s life except perhaps for the area of tax collection.

The value of a legacy such as that of Mr Mandela has little to do with what we should expect from his followers, his successors and from his party - and everything to do with how we see ourselves in relationship to the world, our country and humanity. Apart from everything else, his life’s journey is a shining example of how the integrity and determination of one individual can influence the course of history and human thinking for the better. This is true for everybody to a greater or lesser extent. The time of waiting for direction, new impulses and meaningful change from “above” is well and truly over and waiting for such things to still happen is therefore a cause of endless frustration. We really are living in a time in which each and every one of us needs to “be the leader that we are waiting for”.

This state of affairs is not somebody’s fault. It is a consequence of us coming into our own as individuals. This means that we as human beings are beginning – or at least have the potential - to flower and to show our true colours and therefore a new type and quality of leadership is called for – not only out there but also within ourselves. The nature of this new leadership is no longer that of might and power and striving to get to the top at all costs but rather the more effective and less visible strength of offering and service.

In the natural world a flower is something that has the power to completely transform its surroundings. Whether it is standing in a vase on a laid table, in a garden or growing in the veld, the flower has a profoundly transforming influence on its environment. A whole new world reveals itself to us through the flower which before was hidden from our senses. We might ask ourselves, “What is it that enables the human soul to flower in a similar fashion so that we too can work in a transforming way on our surroundings?” To answer that question it is helpful to look a little more closely at what is actually happening in the flower.

The flower is a combustion process – a cold fire process in which a number of things are happening. The flame of this cold fire is the colour of the flower which is really a manifestation of all the sunlight that this plant has absorbed into its being. Sunlight is made visible in the specific possibilities of colour of that species of plant. The smoke of this cold fire is the fragrance of the flower which is offered up thereby revealing the essence of the plant. The ash of this cold fire is what eventually falls out of the burnt out flower – the seed for the future. The flower is an offering process in which the heavens are revealed – the plant is revealed – the future is born.

How can this fire process happen in us? It can happen through the fire of enthusiasm and the expression of this enthusiasm in the spoken word. Enthusiasm for life – for the world – for our own biography – for our daily tasks – for humanity – for our relationship to the spiritual world. When we relate our experience of the world to each

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other with enthusiasm the world becomes word and something of its mystery is revealed just a little. Something of ourselves becomes word and we are revealed just a little. Our enthusiasm invites the creative word to work into our spoken word and so the Christ is revealed just a little. In the fire of enthusiasm the world is revealed, we are revealed and the Christ is revealed who can bring the future to birth in us. This flowering fire process in us is the quality of the Word of Flame referred to in the St John's epistle.

It is referred to as being 'health bearing' because through it, the true bringer of health for mankind can work into the world. It is also referred to as being 'guilt conscious' because through it we realise that it is only through true enthusiasm – that is through the spirit of Christ working in us – that anything meaningfully creative for the future of mankind and the earth can come about through us.

Richard Goodall.

### ***Eva and Rudi Rieger's Golden Wedding, 5 May 2013.***

**IT IS NOT TOO OFTEN** that family and friends get together for a Golden Wedding. But we managed half a century together! We were married 50 years ago at The Christian Community in Karlsruhe, Germany.

Our New Wedding was so much more spiritual and had such a deep effect on us. Richard made it more of a community event and not so much a personal one. He explained to the congregation the significance of the sacrament so that they could become more supportive during the ceremony.

"The ring rounds the corners of life". These words have always accompanied me through all the years of being married to Rudi. It had to smooth off lots of corners during our life together. The two sticks getting bound together symbolize the two souls now equally responsible and supportive of each other.

Richard explained that we are now two completely different people compared to who we were when we married the first time. We tackled so many storms and we had so many wonderful years together and now we are beginning our journey into the golden years!

We still had our original rings that I had kept in a little box but hadn't worn for a long time. One little problem emerged as we tried them on: they only fitted on our little fingers! So they went on our pinkie fingers, perfect! We really enjoyed our special day in particular the warm celebration with the community members after the service.

Richard, thank you so very much and thanks, Annette, for serving and Carole for providing the music.

Eva & Rudi.



### ***Children's Camp 2013.***



**For all the early holiday planners.**

The dates envisaged for this year's camp are **11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> December**. We are looking forward to a full complement of children. The devastating fire that raged through the farm two weeks after our last camp has not compromised our possibility to use the space for the camp this year. Richard Goodall.



*Mila with her mum, Masha du Plessis. Our thanks to Mila's aunt, Rhoda Rutherford, for taking these pictures.*

*“Deep in the forest in a small hut there lived Erasmus, a Holy Man, who had planted a beautiful vegetable and flower garden ... “*

*Lantern making requires concentration.*



### ***St John's Festival.***

***A story about a holy man living deep in the forest.***

**IN THE GLOOM OF MID-WINTER** the St John's Festival can always bring a measure of cheer and warmth. On Saturday afternoon, 29<sup>th</sup> June, a group of children and parents gathered in the church foyer to once more celebrate St John's tide.

Crafters Mirjam MacCleod and Astrid Coetzee had prepared tables with brightly coloured materials to guide the children in making their lanterns. Then, amid the singing of St John's songs, all filed in to see what had been artistically created since the afternoon before. The space had been completely transformed. A wonderland of a wintry forest complete with a path leading in and out of the dense trees awaited us. Deep in the shadows a small flame was visible in front of a hut where lived Erasmus, a holy man, who had built up and lovingly tended his vegetable and flower garden. He was sitting quietly outside his hut in his monk's habit.

In his inimitable way Richard Goodall then told the story while everybody sat quietly in rapt attention. A ruffian, Ranko, finds his way to Erasmus and the holy man teaches Ranko to look after the garden. Later, after many challenges, Ranko gets taught how to look after his own soul so that finally he can also look after Erasmus who had become seriously weakened by spending all his time in prayer for Ranko's soul, thereby neglecting his own health completely.

It was a story about good and evil, light and darkness, many twists and turns, demands made on the human spirit and finally the power of prayer, and the blessing of steadfastness and patience in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles. That which arose from the sinister depths of the world could be transformed through the power of the prayers said by Erasmus. Light could flow from darkness. The Love streaming from Erasmus to Ranko could help redeem his misdeeds so that also he, Ranko, could become a worthy human being.

Then Richard invited the children one by one to enter the forest and have their lanterns lit by Erasmus. Next they placed the lanterns in the holy man's garden, together with their gifts of potted plants. Soon the gloom was transformed by the twinkling lights of many lanterns. All the while Christina Goodall produced the most exquisite sounds on a cymbal and a xylophone. Afterwards refreshments were served in the foyer.

Our warmest thanks once more to Richard Goodall for his beautiful story and his lion's share in the building of the forest. Thanks also to the following helpers for helping to set up and/or providing branches, plants and flowers, organic orange juice and refreshments: Barbara Herbert, Hanna von Maltitz, Andre Roodtman, Martin Herbert, Leza Sieckmann, Beverly Hart, Jacque Frylinck, Rosemarie & Patrick Enthoven, Ify Ugochukwu, Christina Goodall, Rhoda Rutherford, Mascha du Plessis and Estelle Bryer (for "door duty"). Finally thanks to the crafters, Mirjam and Astrid and to Grant Ovenstone who excelled in the guise of the holy man.

Marilize.



***Ascension Day at The Christian Community in Lima, Peru.***

**THE CHILDREN ATTENDING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL** at The Christian Community in Lima, Peru, had an unusual experience at Ascension this year.

Then children whose ages ranged from seven to sixteen, the Priest, the Sunday School teacher and several parents climbed to the top of the Bell Tower of the church to hear an Ascension story told to them by Marta Ibénez, the Sunday School teacher.

The tower is high and the ladder to be climbed has metal rungs set into the wall, which leads to the space at the top where the bells are housed. (I had always expected to see a group of bell-ringers, but no, they are computer-operated!) So for everyone it was quite a task getting to the top and then down again backwards.

If the expressions on the faces of the climbers was anything to go by, the raising of one's vision to the spirit was something most of the children experienced. There were a few anxious glances by the adults as they felt their way down to earth (backwards)!

I strange thing happened on another Sunday when I was sitting in on the Children's Service. There was a moment when the Priest's (Paul Corman) face snapped out of the ritual and took on another expression, one of irritated astonishment. It didn't last long and soon he was able to continue. As we were all facing the altar we couldn't see what had happened.

We found out later that a woman had flung open the doors into the church and taken a photograph of the altar with lighted candles, the Priest with arms upraised and servers on either side of the Priest. This could make quite a remarkable picture although permission would never be given to take such a photo, less so in the middle of a service.

The community there is always highly interested in our community and also this time sent their warm greetings to us.

Pauline Scott.



***The Christian Community Church in Lima, Peru.***

**Comments on the Wind Call.**

I would like to express my appreciation of the Wind Call. It gleams and glows in my hands when I read all the articles in it.

It represents all that I know to expect from the "Christ in You" and the Act of Consecration of Man.

There it is ... being carried out by the members of the Christian Community. I celebrate and rejoice inwardly when I read about the deeds, thoughts and feelings of our Community.

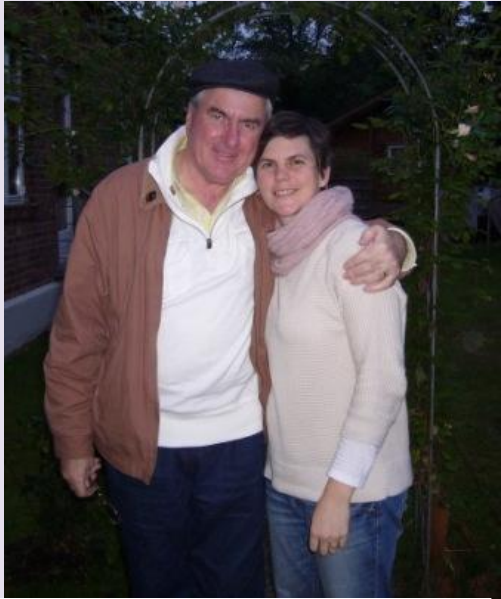
I appreciate the editing, the lay-out, the content, the distribution, the effort and the co-ordination which brings about this small gem.

My grateful thanks to all involved.

Pauline Scott.

***On our request for news from her neck of the woods Theresa Klee-Chouler has sent us this lovely letter. We hope to also have news from other members or friends in future Wind Calls. If you have a photo and news of somebody who is fairly well known by our community please let us have it.***

***Marilize.***



*Theresa and dad, Charles Chouler, on his recent visit to her and Nikolaus.*

***Below: St John's Festival (cont.)***



*Melody, Matteo and Rowan paying attention to the finer details of lantern-making.*

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Dear Friends of the Christian Community,

As I sit here in my beautiful farmhouse-home in Stuckenborstel, 20km north of Bremen, on an unusually hot and beautiful day (31 degrees) during my summer holidays, I wonder what of my life might be of interest to you. It's now 8 and a half years since I've been in Germany, having done my Waldorf Teacher Training in Witten and then moving to Stucki 4 years ago to start my career as a class- and then music-teacher after marrying Nikolaus Klee, biodynamic farmer, later bee-keeper and now lover of woodwork.

When I meet people for the first time here, I usually don't say where I'm from and they don't ask, unless I pronounce my name the English way, which I prefer to do. When they later find out I'm from South Africa, they're amazed at my fluent German, somehow already in my blood, and overload me with questions. So actually I prefer to remain „German“ so as not to have to answer all the same questions.

I look forward to starting my third year as a music teacher of all the classes: 1 – 8 in the small school Freie Waldorfschule Bremen-Nord, which is growing each year. In my first year I dared the impossible, putting on a modern opera „Tair und Dshafira“ by the well-known Waldorf music teacher Wolfgang Wunsch, with class 6 and this year I'm daring „The Magic Flute“ with classes 6 and 7, a combined project.

Inspired by the work of my friend Olivia Girard who works for „Freunde der Erziehungskunst“ and organizes the WOW-Day (Waldorf One World), which raises money for Waldorf Initiatives world-wide by scholars, I went to an old-age home, with the class 7's to sing for them. The 140€ raised went to Imhoff Waldorf School. Subsequently a girl in the class was inspired to sponsor a third of the school fees for a child in class 7 at Imhoff, which the class has been doing all year.

On another occasion, where I stood in for a teacher in class 6, I told them about the WOW-Day and whether they would like to take part. They immediately came up with ideas and raised over 200€ two weeks later at our spring festival selling coffee and cakes, which will also go 100% to Imhoff.

These are moments, which confirm to me that what I am doing is inspiring to others and fulfilling to me. And so I continue to love what I do and do what I love!

Greetings from sunny north Germany and from my mother Annette Chouler, who is visiting!

Theresa Klee (born Chouler).

***Can anyone help?***

**SOME OF OUR CHURCH FLAT'S LINEN** has inexplicably gone missing to the point that we are now short of bedding.

If anybody has white, cotton duvet covers and fitted sheets for a single bed size to donate, please let us know soonest by contacting Marilize in the office.

Heike Prinz,  
Accommodation Mandate.

***Congratulations to :***

**Jade Khoury and Simon Rock** on the baptism of their son, **Luca**, on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July.

***Thanks to:***

▪ **Hanna Hack** for taking on the Tea & Flower Roster so fully. It is a great help for all concerned when these aspects of our community life run so smoothly. Marilize.

▪ It has been such a joy to see how enthusiastically and efficiently our dear **Rosemarie Enthoven** has taken initiative after initiative to upgrade, sort out, beautify, extend, renew or refurbish one thing after another in and around the church building and also to bring more transparency and order into some aspects of our finances and general organisation.

We are in a process of looking at ourselves with new eyes as we penetrate our whole operation space by space and aspect by aspect with renewed intent - and the driver of this impulse is Rosemarie. A very big **'thank you'** to you and may your boundless energy inspire us all.

Richard Goodall.

▪ Thanks also to Rosemarie for bringing her own gardener, **Stive**, who, together with our gardener, **Monde**, helped to her create the new flower beds, as well as to Lia Gabler for her input.

▪ To **Lore Marnewecke** for donating and delivering plants for our garden. We now have enough to last us for some time to come.

Marilize.



***Our Family Fair 2013 will be held on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November from 11h00 – 15h00. Please diarise.***

Dear Community,

This weekend it is three months until our annual Family Fair. As this is our main fundraiser for the year we hope to once more have an enjoyable event for the whole community, their family and friends.

Our first Fair Meeting for all stall holders and interested people will be on **Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> July after church**. Each individual contribution, however small, will help to create substance – please don't think you have nothing to offer or that you lack know-how. By putting your name next to an activity as a helper you contribute much to the greater effort.

The craft group has already started with their regular sessions creating beautiful items for the Craft Stall. If you would like to lend a helping hand, please join them on **Thursdays from 15h00 – 17h00** at the church (you just need to be able to use a sewing or knitting needle).

Let us stretch a bit further this year and excel ourselves in beautiful crafts, delicious foods and fun games for children. Hoping to see you on Sunday at the kick-off meeting.

Marilize, on behalf of the Fair Committee.

***Child Care on Sundays.***

Thandi Dila, of Gaia Waldorf Pre-School, will be hosting Child Care every Sunday through Christmas, New Year and beyond, including during Sunday community gatherings. She receives children from 09h45 and leaves promptly at just past 11h00 as she attends her own church in Gugulethu soon thereafter. She is highly competent. Suggested donation: R20/child/Sunday.

Rob Small.

***Eurythmy Classes.***

**Block 6 - 12 August to 16 September** - Theme: The Earth (as second last focus in this year theme of *The Earthly Elements*). Cost R360 for the 6 weeks.

**Block 7 - 30 September to 11 November** - Theme: The Irish poem "Christ, King of the Elements". Cost 420 for the 7 weeks.

Mondays 5.30 to 6.30, Sophia House, 18 Firfield Road, Plumstead.

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