

Imagine a world of mountains, free roaming game and abundant water in an environment historically known for its dry, though soul-soothing pristine open plains – the ideal breakaway from the smothering tightness of trade and life in the city. Here, on the southern slopes of Touwsberg, you will still find one of the last remaining treasures of nature where you can experience the timeless beauty and breath-taking fynbos of the Karoo landscape from the privacy of your own little cottage against the slopes of the Touwsberg between Ladismith and Barrydale in the Western Cape

### **The best of the Little Karoo**

The reserve boasts the best the Little Karoo can offer regarding crystal clear water, flora and wild life. Within the boundaries of an owner-controlled entrance, the reserve offers a wide variety of game and flora in self-sustaining biological and ecological eco-systems. The natural habitat is a combination of typical Little Karoo fynbos and succulents playing host to a variety of smaller and larger game and natural predators.

### **New jacket**

Freddie was born against these southern slopes of Touwsberg 50 years ago and has always had the dream to return to what had grown into him when he was a boy. Following a highly satisfactory and successful academic and corporate career he returned to his hometown where he had matriculated 30 years ago. As his wife, Ingrid, and he had such an exceptional love for the nature and wild life, they took action and dressed the southern parts of Touwsberg in a new jacket and transformed the traditional stock farms into a private game and nature reserve.

### **God spoke to them in a clear voice**

No sooner had they arrived at Touwsberg, when Freddie and Ingrid clearly heard the voice of God. He wanted them to prepare themselves under his power and with his guidance to bring the Gospel of love and peace to everyone in the market place. It was clear to them: their calling is the apostolic leadership ministry where people can be led to Christ to become active disciples of God (Matt 28:19). In order to adhere to this comprehensive calling, Christians have to work together in teams. Right at the beginning of the project they started a small congregation. Shortly after that they started having Christian camps on the Song of Songs and Revelation under with the help of Poppie Hauptfleisch and the grace of God in a shed they had transformed into a picturesque church. Later, the Tabernacle camp under the guidance of Barbara Crafford, one of the spiritual leaders of the Living waters Church, followed.

### **Live with heart and soul**

Everything they do as a team for Christ, they do with full commitment. God has blessed them abundantly with beloved fellow owners in Touwsberg Game and Nature Reserve, and together they form the team from where the wonderful Gospel of peace is spread into the outside world.

### **Undeserved grace from Him**

God's call has never been too much for anybody at Touwsberg, for they have received such a lot of underserved grace, time, talents and blessings from Him that no summit of any mountain is too high to climb for God. To the Touwsbergers on their way to the summit, no price is too high and no sacrifice too grueling and the benefits of climbing up higher are never too small.

### **God's presence can be felt**

Nobody has a negative attunement or sees himself as superior. There the air is clean and clear, the view breath-taking and the beauty of nature indescribably wonderful. There their God is so near to them, just like with Moses when he met with God on the mount!

To them, the symbolism of this lies in the summit of Touwsberg, where everyone can share the magnificence of their togetherness and the spirit of victory, as well as Life Eternal with God. God sometimes uses the powerful and supernatural workings of the gifts to lead non-believers to him. God's heart is to make Himself visible to all the people on earth, and this, and this witness of God's wonderful grace are anchored deep along the southern slopes of Touwsberg.

### **Turn-about in faith**

Freddie and Ingrid were married at a stage in their lives where they both had decided to make a turn-about in their careers. They had to stand firmly in their faith and trust in God that they were following the right course. Following constant prayers and after they felt quite certain that they had considered all possible inputs within their ability, they were able to make a rational decision in faith to tackle this vast development under the love and grace of God's blessings on their own. With Jehovah-Jireh (God the Provider) in their hearts and lives they were able to trust in Him alone for the blessings He promised every person on earth more than 8 000 times in his Word.

### **God work in families**

God works in family regard with his people. Although Ingrid was also narrowly involved in all the projects, her main contribution is still to constantly sit by the feet of the Lord and dedicate her husband, his team and the joint activities to God. Here God proved through his children that they need not be financial giants in order to be successful in the financial wealth He had destined for them. All He asks is that we be willing servants of the Almighty and the Most High. In retrospect they can testify that the stormy years of transition to higher heights had been necessary in preparation of the future peace, joy and jubilation in the Kingdom of God.

To this very day they still have an overflowing admiration for what God does for us humans, and they have the burning desire to spread this wonderful Gospel to all nations under the commission of Jesus in Matt 28:19: *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* May God reveal Himself in wonderful ways to everyone who studies his Word.

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**Here the congregation lives together in love and peace and exult the name of the Lord in the admiration of his wonderful Creation**