

The Wedding of 'Bruth'

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“I dreamed of a wedding of elaborate elegance,
A church filled with family and friends.
I asked him what kind of a wedding he wished for,
He said one that would make me his wife.”

~Author Unknown

Bruce and Ruth got married on 5 th September on a perfect spring day under a blue sky at a beautiful seaside venue on the outskirts of Port Elizabeth.

What inspired me about the wedding was the dedication of a community of family and friends to the day in which they decided to join together, to live out to the world an example of God’s love and commitment to His church. This role of marriage in a world blind to the message God holds out to it, leaves it vulnerable to attack by all that is evil in the world.

A couple about to be married can experience such tension, inner spiritual battles and actual opposition that this day becomes a day to weep or respond in anger and fear. What was different and lovely about this wedding was the way in which wedding guests united to fully enter into the enjoyment of this celebration – for the couple. What was also lovely and different was the way in which bride and groom were covered and sustained in prayer by their brothers and sisters in Christ, and the way that Jaco (MC), Lee (Best man) and Khathu (Bridesmaid) fully entered into their supportive roles. The wedding was about love – community living out patience, kindness and faithfulness and encouraging hope and endurance (1 Cor 13:4,7).

As to the details ... Ruth was beautiful, her gentle self, Bruce cried at the beginning and danced exuberantly afterwards. Neil nearly united 'Bruth' not Bruce and Ruth in matrimony, and against a pleasantly noisy background of nesting weaver birds and ocean waves we sang to praise God for weddings and marriage, especially for bringing together these special friends of ours!

“Love does not consist of gazing at each other, but in looking together in the same direction.”
~Antoine de Saint-Exupery

