



NEWS FLASH

JUNE 2010

We have reached the half way mark in 2010 and while South Africa prepares for the World Cup Soccer life at SanWild continues quite normally. Our daily tasks concentrate around the animals already in our care and those unfortunate creatures that find themselves on the receiving end of man's greed and cruelty, but not all is doom and gloom. Here at SanWild we have the most amazing experience with wild animals in our success in making broken wildlife whole again is enough to keep us going day after day and month after month. The financial support, words of encouragement and love received from our friends and supporters have resulted in some amazing animal rescues and for some of the animals that had no where else to go, we have managed to give them their little place in the sun where they can learn to trust and not fear man once again.

In addition to our quarterly electronic newsletter we have decided to bring you a short monthly news flash on what is happening at SanWild and how you can help us.

Funding is crucial to our animal welfare and rescue projects and from June we will bring our most urgent new projects to you and give you the opportunity to donate to some very worthy causes and at the same time stand a chance to win a free holiday to visit us.

Taken from the wild illegally and raised as a pet in a Johannesburg flat, a stunning young caracal needs a special rehabilitation program that will see him return to the wild. You can read more about this appeal on our main website's Special Appeals page. www.sanwild.org We have managed to raise some of the funding needed for this project, but not nearly enough to help us set him free.

SanWild also has a critical appeal listed and that is to help us raise urgent funding to recruit, train and appoint armed rhino guards to help us protect our rhinos from poachers. The increased poaching of rhinos on private land and national parks in South Africa can only be describe as a genocide and urgent action is needed by the authorities to stop the continued slaughter. You will also find this appeal on our Special Appeals page.



A rhino care giver on a bicycle taking his rhino out on daily exercise in the reserve.

DONATE IN JUNE AND WIN A WEEK'S FREE HOLIDAY IN OUR LUCKY DRAW.

To help raise the amount still needed for the CARACAL RESCUE and the RHINO GUARDS appeals two donors will stand the chance of winning a week's fully inclusive accommodation for 2 people at SanWild's Private Bush Camps. Winners can choose if they would like to stay in either the Savannah or Bukisa Camps.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- All donations exceeding \$100 for either the CARACAL RESCUE or the RHINO GUARDS for the month of June will qualify for a lucky draw at the end of June 2010.
- Donations can be made via our online website at www.sanwild.com or just click on the button on our www.sanwild.org Main page to make an on-line donation.
- Direct internet banking transfer or direct deposit donations will also qualify, but please do not forget to email us your full details along with proof of transfer or deposit. Our banking details are ABSA, Tzaneen, South Africa, Account 9111221180, Branch Code 334349. Please mark you internet transfers of direct deposits clearly to reflect either CARACAL RESCUE or RHINO GUARDS.
- Free accommodation can be taken any time from July 2010 to December 2011 subject to availability.
- For more information or any clarification please email lizel@sanwild.org
- The lucky winners will be announced in our July news flash during the 1st week of July and will be notified via email on the 1st July 2010.

I recently read a piece by Don Pinnock in which he applauded the Spanish Government for granting human rights to the great apes in 2008. Don has such a great talent for sharing his thoughts in such a manner that one can truly identify with it and I would like to share certain extracts from his editorial with you.

"It is no secret that the natural world has not fared well under our watch. The industrial processes of the 20th century, based on the non sustainable use of the earth's natural resources, have been so destructive that we now face the possible extinction of many of those life forms upon which human life depends. It even brings into the question of the future of our own species".

"Hunter-gatherers have never questioned that they were alive by the grace of the almighty forces that brought the earth into being. We, on the other hand, have been raised to expect that every non-human thing is for our plunder".

"The creation of the earth required an enormous sweep of time as each component of the planet was brought into its proper place and function. Just how the sequence was worked out we will never know, but it is evident that vast forces were at work that we have hardly begun to comprehend".

"It is important that we recognize and revere this inherent mystery and not intrude on it's functioning without respect for the geological, chemical and biological processes that maintain such precision and beauty. This planet is better regarded as communion of subject that a collection of usable objects. Nothing is above or below another in rank or importance, everything is interdependent".

"This view requires a humility we seem, as a species unwilling to acquire. We cannot make a single blade of grass - but there is liable not to be a single blade of grass left unless we accept and protect it as a fellow subject. A tree has the same right to be as you, as do all living and even non-living things in the earth community".

"If we fail to accept this, our children and grandchildren will inherit an industrial and natural wasteland. They will not thank us".

"So even a single country granting the great apes human rights in an important first step in recognizing that, our beautiful blue ball flying through the vast emptiness of space, we are all vital links in the incredible magical fabric of life".



Over the years we have watched the systematic destruction of our planet as a result of man's greed. At SanWild we deal with the cruelty and unkind manner in which wild animals are treated by man while we try and slow down where possible the destruction of animals natural habitat. Sadly the writing is on the wall,

unless the good in man can overcome its destructive nature, our planet and its wild creatures will continue to suffer and like Don said, eventually there will not be a single blade of grass left.

Taking a step back, one can only wonder what sets the differences in individual people. Is it genetic, is it evolution, is it the intellectual ability or is it a simple matter of compassion and love?

There are those who instinctively understand the interconnection between nature and mankind and that will treat our planet and its creatures with love and kindness. On the other hand you will find a certain sector of our human race that simply does not care at all. The destruction of natural resources, plants, trees and animals do not touch them in any way and they lack even the most basic compassion. Have we become so tied up in our own lives that we have lost a sense of the broader picture? Has the voice of conscience in each of us been silenced so many times that it has given up trying to speak to us?

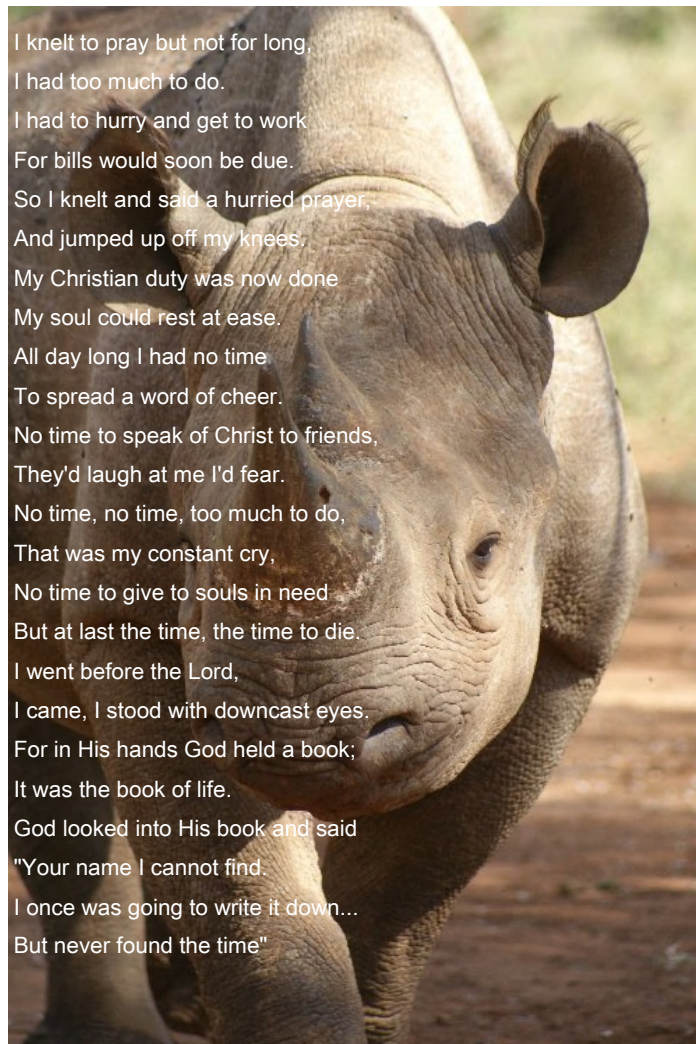
Whatever it may be, it is really great that there are those writers out there whose words can help to get us back on track and motivate those of us who truly care to stand up against those who obviously lack the insight and have not evolved to the point where they can hear the earth's cries for help.



At SanWild we can bear testimony to the amazing successes that we have managed to achieve with your help, love and support. A small animal welfare charity with only a handful of supporters have truly changed the world for the thousands of wild animals that have found sanctuary here, but it is not just the animals themselves that are now safe, but also the unique and very special habitat these animals need to survive.

Like Don Pinnock said: "There is really a good reason to hug a tree because without the oxygen it produces, we wouldn't be here at all". At SanWild we proudly stand to be counted as tree and bunny huggers.

One more serious note could our planet's demise be because it seems that mankind no longer needs our Creator? Here is the last thought we would like to share with you. Go out and find the time to change the manner in which our planet and its creatures are being treated while having a great time.



I knelt to pray but not for long,
I had too much to do.
I had to hurry and get to work
For bills would soon be due.
So I knelt and said a hurried prayer,
And jumped up off my knees.
My Christian duty was now done
My soul could rest at ease.
All day long I had no time
To spread a word of cheer.
No time to speak of Christ to friends,
They'd laugh at me I'd fear.
No time, no time, too much to do,
That was my constant cry,
No time to give to souls in need
But at last the time, the time to die.
I went before the Lord,
I came, I stood with downcast eyes.
For in His hands God held a book;
It was the book of life.
God looked into His book and said
"Your name I cannot find.
I once was going to write it down...
But never found the time"

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