

"First of all, I am Sam's husband and Micah's dad, and a friend of God." (text from Chris' webpage)



On the last day of our Chapter of Mats we were privileged to hear Chris Lubbe share his personal story and the importance of **Forgiveness—the key to Freedom.**

Chris was an ex-bodyguard of Nelson Mandela and drawing on his incredible story of resistance against 'apartheid', Chris keeps his audience spell-bound as he takes them on a journey of discovery. Growing up in a ghetto in Durban, South Africa & experiencing first hand the brutality of apartheid was a catalyst for preparing Chris for his involvement in the struggle for democracy. His story includes themes such as fear, determination, courage, love and forgiveness, all in the face of blatant racial discrimination.

Thank you speech from Sr. Marie Grogan:

"Chris, we wish we could go on listening to you "till the sun goes to sleep!" We are Franciscan sisters and we have been gathered here this week-end for on-going formation. We have been hearing about the interconnectedness of all things – the symbol on the Prayer Space – is of our evolutionary universe which our Good God has created out of love. **You spoke about interconnectedness!**

We are Christians - following in the footsteps of Christ after the model of Saints Francis and Clare. They have taught us that we are brothers and sisters to every person, and to all creatures and to every particle in the universe. **We are all related!** These are wonderful things to say but today you have spoken of what that really means. Not just fine ideas but of the reality of living relationship. You have had enormous things to forgive and you have done it! We are humbled by your example of FAITH and FORGIVENESS. Thank you so much for sharing that with us."

Sr. Mary Burke, Regional Leader presented Chris with a large lit candle. With extended hands we prayed for God's blessing to be upon Chris.

Chris Lubbe's website
www.chrislubbe.co.uk



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