

## History

As a young man Ps Gary Deetlefs was impacted by the story of William Duma in his book "Take your Glory Lord." William Duma, a Baptist minister in Durban awoke every night at mid-night to pray. He held lunchtime healing meetings at his small Umgeni Road Church where many miracles were done and the dead were even raised. Every New Year he would go away to a mountain to get alone with God in prayer and fasting in order to seek the face of God for the year of ministry that lay ahead. The vision of a "Prayer Mountain" was later reinforced by the testimony of the Korean pastor, Younggi Cho who has a "prayer mountain" where over 10 000 people are praying 24/7.

Ps Gary used to go into the mountains each New Year with a Zulu pastor companion to a cave for 7 days of prayer and water fasting. Later some friends, the Jeanes family, purchased a property in forested Burne Valley near Richmond in Kwa Zulu Natal and a donated caravan was placed there for folk wanting to get alone with the Lord.

In 1995 a friend in Kokstad gave Ps Gary a pair of geese and the female disappeared. One of the members in the Church worked on the railway signals and mentioned to Gary that there were geese at the Shongweni Station, which is 35 kilometres outside of Durban. One morning Gary set out to buy a goose and ended up offering to buy the old Zig Zag Country Hotel from the van Zyl Family. The guesthouse was built in 1922 by the Italian Construction company working on the Durban - Johannesburg Railway line to house their staff. This was later bought by the Van Zyl Family and operated as a country hotel. Now it serves the kingdom of God as a Country Retreat, Mission Station and Prayer Mountain.



Breathtaking Mountain views



Eagles  
Rest

Country Retreat ~ Mission Station  
Prayer Mountain





## Facilities

### Accommodation

- 8 Bed room Guest House (2 family rooms)
- 2 Bed roomed Annex (2 family rooms)
- 2 Dormitories in the Chapel

### Amenities

- Fully equipped kitchen and large dining room
- 2 large lounges and Christian satellite TV
- Tennis Court / Volley Ball / Basket ball court (Flood lit)
- Mountain Hikes
- Bird watching
- Small Conference Room
- Chapel

### Nearby attractions

- 4X4 track
- Shongweni dam (Game rides & fishing)
- 1000 Hills Meander



# Eagles Rest

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## Directions to Eagles Rest, from N3

- 1) Drive 7km on the tarred Shongweni road.
- 2) Down into the valley, just before Stonehaven castle.
- 3) At the B15 and Eagles Rest signs, turn right.
- 4) Drive in and wind 800m up the hill. You're there!

### Retreat Accommodation

- Adults: R90 pppn
- Children (6-13yrs) : R45 pppn
- Children (<6yrs) : no charge
- Day Visitors : R20

### Prayer & Fasting : R60 pppn

- Conditions:** No alcohol allowed.
- No roomsharing of unmarried couples.
- House of Prayer Members pay half price.
- pppn= Per Person Per Night

For all bookings contact Sandi Olsen at House of Prayer during weekdays between 8.00 am - 4.00pm on (031) 464 6491

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