

Expanding the Work of the Lord in South Africa

April/May 2013

Greetings.

We have finally seen the last of winter for now. In spite of our "crazy" weather God's incredible genius can be seen in the beauty of each day regardless of what it is. The acronym "t.i.a" (this is Africa) continues to hold true to its reputation, as we are led along the paths of what seems to be futile in dealing with some of the government officials. Yet, in spite of the road blocks that hinder us the power and graciousness of God is very evident among the people we are privileged to work with. Where one door appears to be closed, another unexpected door opens and we get to experience some incredible things. NONE of this could happen without your PRAYERS and the financial support of the brethren in the USA.

LEADER from the Z.C.C. Converts



Mr **Gauta Stephan Mofokeng** has a strong background with the Zoinist Christian Church (ZCC) of South Africa. It is the largest indigenous church group with well over 6 million followers in SA alone. It is a syncretistic organization which combines traditional beliefs with mostly OT teachings from the Bible. **Gauta** had been a member of the ZCC for over 10 years, and had risen up through their levels of leadership. He had been accepted into the group and had been awarded permission to purchase and wear their unique brown uniform. A privilege given only to accepted leaders.

At the beginning of 2011, while staying in the Sebokeng area, he was diagnosed with tuberculosis. He was/is unemployed, with no income, his family live in another state, he had nowhere and no one to turn to. Sister **Nkosi**, from the TB clinic which operates from the **Sebokeng** campus, introduced him to our ministries and **Br. Khubeka**. **Gauta** was given a room to live in, food to eat, and spiritual counseling. **Gauta** obeyed the Gospel of our Lord after 3 months of intensive studies with the IMOM outreach team. He has completed his TB medication and is fully recovered and is now working in our gardening team on the campus. **Gauta** is a widower, with 3 children. In the last few years 6 of his 11 siblings, have passed away. Two weeks after Easter he remarried, and lives on the campus with his wife. **Gauta** is now one of the students in our leadership and maturing classes. We expect that our Lord will use this changed man in many exciting ways to His Glory.

Thank you for partnering with us in this incredible work God has given us in South Africa.
Blessings
Jeff



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Wednesday Bible Leadership/ Maturity Class

The class space is becoming smaller as the student body continues to grow for this class. Local **Evangelist BILLY** (trained at Sebokeng 2001) teaches the Wednesday Leadership class. There are now 38 students enrolled in this class, which began at the start of the year with 14. Teaching time has been extended from 10 am to 3 pm at the request of the students as they are eager to know what God's word is saying to them and the church today.



Billy Teaching Wednesday Leadership Class

As a basic curriculum for this class we are concentrating on a few WBS study books – namely ***The Family of God*** and ***Live a Life of love***. Many of the students have completed these books with their WBS teachers, but we have discovered that very few of the students have taken full advantage of the richness of teaching in these, and the other WBS books. SO, we are using these as our “text book”, going through the pages a lot slower and ensuring that the people have a much better grasp of what is being taught. This change in approach is partly responsible for the growth of the class. Many of the leaders attending constantly tell us they are never taught these truths by their own church leaders. Due to opportunities like this we are experiencing whole congregations converting to the Biblical message of Jesus Christ

Youth OUTREACH and Activities



**Moseme baptizing Gauta
Stephan Mofokeng**

Moseme one of 5 orphaned siblings who came to us 9 years ago now serves as a youth worker in the Sebokeng area. **Moseme** has built up a very dynamic youth group, about 250 teenagers, who are very involved in many outreach and service ministries. Moseme was involved with the conversion of **Solomon Tshabalala** who is one of the leaders we have trained 2008. Solomon works with a home church “**Mukuku church**” and now is one of the Equippers of a leadership class in Evaton West. Solomon is a real firebrand and we expect a lot of activity in his area as he matures and becomes more comfortable in his new role. Pictured to the left is **Moseme** baptizing Gauta, ex-leader from the ZCC, at the Sebokeng training

center.

Recently the **Young Professional** class from the **Kempton Park church of Christ** spent a day with the orphans and some of the preschool children at IMOM, Sebokeng. They organized an Easter egg hunt, (the first many had ever participated in) sang songs with them and generally had a great day of fun and activities. It was this same group of young professionals who undertook the task of providing and building the playground equipment for the pre-school a few years ago and have maintained it since then.



The Young Professional Class from Kempton Park church of Christ with orphans and pre-schoolers from IMOM **Sunrise Pre-School**

TSHEPONG PRESCHOOL Building Update

As we wait for all of the red tape to be cleared for the new preschool in **Tshepong**, our existing one of 10 years, at the campus – Sunrise, continues to minister to 15 children from the disadvantaged community. All of the children are getting on a lot better as they adapt to the new environment, however winter is coming and we will need blankets and warm clothes. We have already experienced a few days where the morning temperature has been down to 25 F. When this happens many of children do not make it to school.

The young girl in the picture is **Mamashone Mokhetheng**. She was born in the country of Lesotho “The Mountain Kingdom” on the 7th July 2007. **Mamashone**, and her 12 year old brother, stay with their mother in a zinc shack house in the area of **Eatonside** (which is about a half mile from the school). She is unable to get work, and so survives on the meager government grants for her children. Her husband stays with his parents, and does not give any financial support to his wife and children!



Mamashone adapted very quickly to school life. She is very attentive in class, with neat work and has good memory recall. She has a very soft nature, and is a well-mannered young girl – a true blessing from God.

ABET ADULT LITERACY

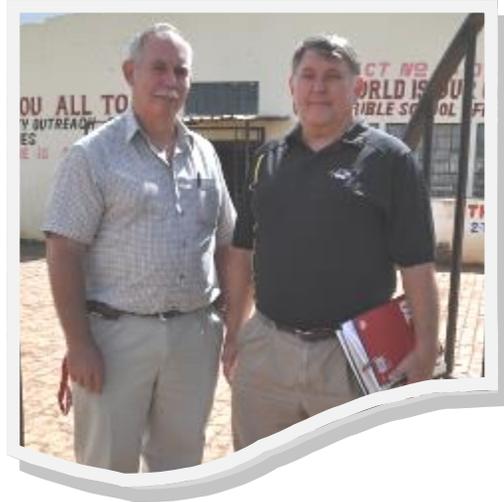
Adult literacy classes continue to be held on the IMOM campus. Currently the classes are held Mon – Thurs from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is split into two groups – the younger students, ages up to 30, meet for the early morning class and the older adults meet in the afternoon. The teachers are equipped and sponsored by the government.

The 10 minute devotional (directed by our Evangelists) before the 9 a.m. class has now been extended by request, to a 30 minute devotional and study. This class has increase by almost 50% and there are now 24 enrolled students attending. Many of these students have begun attending the Bible leadership classes on Wednesdays. These people are also wanting to attend the Leadership classes on Saturdays – what an opportunity!

God continues to open some amazing doors for us to be able to share the Gospel and train and equip people for service in the Kingdom of God. Without your prayerfully partnership, which is a huge morale booster for us, and without your consistent financial commitment to our mission, many of these opportunities would never be realized. THANK YOU.

In our last newsletter we appealed for some financial assistance to purchase portable baptisteries. We have received sufficient funds to purchase at least FOUR. Praise God and THANK YOU. Lord willing Jeff will be traveling to South Africa on May 28th for two weeks. Hopefully we will have been able to secure those baptisteries by then. Last year we able to raise enough money to have 2,500 Bibles printed, we now have those Bibles in hand and been able to begin distributing them. The final cost was \$2.47c per Bible. We would like to continue to raise money for additional Bibles to be printed as in past years we distributed about 2000 Bibles a year. If you would like to partner in this effort please send your checks to our supporting congregation Exchange Street and mark the check "for Bibles".

Two weeks ago Patrick had his vehicle—1996 Ford Escort—stolen from the church building. Please prayerfully consider if you are able to help with replacing this vehicle—A reliable used vehicle would cost between \$5 –6,000 US. If you can help please mark checks "used vehicle". Again we deeply appreciate your partnership as we seek to be significant in Gods Kingdom here on earth. Above all we solicit your prayers.



Patrick & Jeff Kenee

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