

# Expanding the Work of the Lord in South Africa

March 2013

Greetings from a cold Mid West. I thought the winter was over and we were welcomed with another 8 inches of snow. When I spoke with Patrick he told me they still in mid-summer and the temperatures were still in the 90's. It's hard to believe when you cannot experience it. Sometimes it is also hard to believe all that is happening in the Kingdom of God in Africa because we do not experience the same things here in the States. We have struggled over the years to keep accurate records of all the conversions that happen within the boundaries of the ministries we are involved with. However, in the month of March, to date there have been at least another 49 souls added to the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. Almost 130 for the year to date

## Joshua Moeketsi

Joshua is a 28 yr old single man who is on fire for our Lord. Originally from Qwa Qwa, he and his siblings and parents all live in Sebokeng. Joshua supports his entire family as the only breadwinner in the household. He has found his future bride and plans to be married in December 2013.



In 2009 when he was living by himself, he met part of the WBS outreach team while commuting from Lakeside (a suburb of Sebokeng) to Vereeniging. It was at this time he received his first WBS lesson. He kept it with him for over a year, studying it occasionally. On one of his trips to Johannesburg he noticed the sign for the WBS Centre from the train window. He exited the train at the next stop and backtracked to the previous station, which is about a half mile from the WBS office. Joshua had many questions. He wanted to know why the teaching of WBS differed from his church. In 2010 he became a full time Bible student.

By the end of 2011, Joshua decided he wanted to be born again into God's Kingdom – what a great day! He now serves as one of the youth leaders in the Sebokeng area. On the 9th February he was one of the keynote speakers at a youth outreach rally hosted at IMOM. More than 150 teens attended and were exhorted by Joshua to stand firm in the face of today's temptations. Five of those teens are now committed to attend worship services at Sebokeng



JOSHUA BAPTIZING A NEW CONVERT

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



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and will soon be added to God's family. Joshua has been, and will continue to be a great blessing to all in God's expanding kingdom.

## **PRE -SCHOOL UPDATES**

**SEBOKENG.** The Pre-School continues to function at Sebokeng. Due to almost all the immediate residents close to the school being relocated in government housing in Tshepong the enrolment at Sebokeng is currently **16 children**. These children are severely disadvantaged, and the primary reason we have decided to keep this school open. The new school being built in Tshepong is scheduled to be completed and functional by the end of May (Lord willing)



KEMPTON PARK YOUNG ADULTS HOST PRE-SCHOOL FUN DAY



### **Khaya Mokoena**

Born on the 5th June 2009. He lives in the RDP housing on the fringe of Tshepong, not too far from the campus, with his mother and sick father and a 15 year old brother. His father works as a casual laborer as often as his health permits him to work. Much of his time is spent travelling to the hospital for his medication and treatment. They, like so many others in this community try to survive on the social grant of \$60 given to each of the children. This money is almost all they survive on as the rest goes on transport money for the father's treatment. Initially, at school **Khaya** was very shy and prone to frequent bouts of sobbing. He was scared and insecure. In a matter of 3 days **Khaya** changed. He made new friends, and willingly participates in all activities, especially the singing. The school is a true blessing to the life of this little man.

## **TSHEPONG**

As many know, when planning to build a new school many people are involved and all the paper work is incredibly frustrating. No more so than in Africa. **T.I.A.** (This is Africa) has become a familiar acronym to try to explain the frustration from being sent from office to office so that some official can exert some authority. However God is in control and it appears that almost all the hurdles have been cleared. Lord willing building will actually start in April. The school will eventually have a capacity of about **200 children**.

## **ABET**

ABET is a literacy program for adults conducted by government teachers on campus. It is available from Monday to Thursday and has an **average of 16 learners** in the class each day. Our evangelists have been asked by the **ABET** teachers to conduct a 20-30 minute devotional when the class commences at 9am each day. Over the past several months ABET students are taking a more active role in the devotions. Some will lead singing and most will lead in prayer when asked to do so. Of great encouragement - they all bring their bibles for the devotions. Many of these students, as they become more proficient in reading will soon be attending the weekly bible lessons in 2014.

## **LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

The Leadership training has really been an incredible blessing. There are now over 60 church leaders actively engaged in these training sessions at **SIX different locations**. From time to time there are at least that many again who attend when they can. Opening these different locations has been a blessing to the expansion of the Kingdom of God as now so many more can take advantage of the opportunities to learn. Transport and distance and finance had become a major problem with this aspect of our ministry. The aspects of distance and transport have been mostly resolved, finance continues to be a challenge, but GOD will provide. Computers donated by a local business, for an advanced training station in SOWETO are in the process of being installed. There will be at least EIGHT learning stations. Work is currently being done with **NATIONS UNIVERSITY** (Nashville TN.) to be able to make all their curriculum available off line for study purposes. We are prayerful this will be completed and functional by the end of May

## **We Salute farewell to a Valiant Leader.**

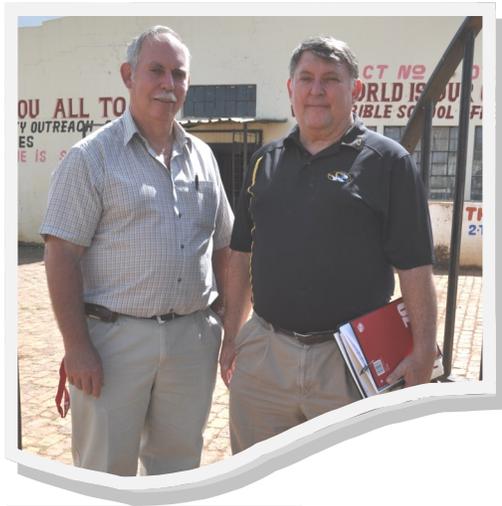


The February 17 was a sad day for many at the campus. Second year student **Dumekaya N Selimandlela**, born on 10 July 1942 passed away at his house. He and his wife were blessed with 8 boys and he was a leader in the Covenant Ministries in the Orange Farm suburb of Sebokeng. He was a very spiritual and serious seeker of God's ways. Even at his age he was more than willing to attend a bible school to be challenged by teaching from the Word which differed from his traditional background. Here was a man who was a learner to the end of his days and had great influence with his family and immediate community. He was always early for the bible lessons and believed that "the early bird always caught the fattest worms". His family returned his body to his home town in KwaZulu, Natal where he was put to rest with his deceased family members.

## FROM THE HOME FRONT

We have been greatly blessed over the years by the faithful support of PRAYER and RESOURCES by many that have enabled GOD's work to progress in South Africa. Some phenomenal things have happened and continue to happen. We are especially thankful for the commitment and continued work of **Ethelene** from our supporting congregation in TN. Unfortunately due to the decline of the economy in Union City, our supporting congregation for over 20 years had to cut their support of our work by 32%. We will continue our partnership with them as they oversee Patrick and his work. Their commitment to us, as is ours to them, is still strong. However, we are prayerfully looking to **partner with** another congregation or two that will oversee the work and funding of our Leadership Training and Outreach ministries. Please pray about this and pass my information on to any who may have an interest in our work.

We have a need for at least another 3 portable Baptistery's (cost \$300.00 each) . For further information concerning any aspect of our work please contact **Jeff Kenee** at [jeffkenee@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffkenee@yahoo.com)



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